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Escape was 'devastating to the entire Prison Service. It was a disaster waiting to happen'

Howard rejects calls to resign over jail report

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND RICHARD FORD

A THOROUGH investigation into security throughout British prisons was announced by Michael Howard last night as he came under pressure to resign over a devastating report into the armed IRA escape from Whitemoor jail in September.

The Home Secretary, facing ridicule in the Commons, disclosed that he had considered resigning but, in line with the practice of predecessors in his post, had decided against doing so. Mr Howard, already in difficulty because of recent rebuffs by the courts, was said by Downing Street to have the "complete confidence" of the Prime Minister.

Sir John Woodcock's report into the breakout from the Cambridgeshire jail highlights an astonishing picture of lax security and pampered prisoners who appeared to have staff at their beck and call. Two officers made weekly 25-mile shopping trips for inmates, who included six IRA terrorists. On one occasion an inmate decided that some potatoes bought for him were too small, so he threw them back at the officers, who went out and bought some more.

Inmates received crates of food and telephoned a butcher to order meat. One had more than 320 items of property including a Christian Dior beach towel and Givenchy toilet water. Basic searches were carried out only after all prisoners were awake, so as not to disturb an inmate who regularly slept until noon.

The report says: "So many things were wrong, so many procedures and policies totally ignored and with such regularity that the escape could have taken place on any day of any week with the same chance of success. At times it was difficult to find something being done in accordance with the manuals." It concludes: "The events were devastating to the staff and its aftershocks have reverberated throughout the entire Prison Service and left many individuals deeply wounded and ashamed. The story is one of a disaster waiting to happen."

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, alleging "the most serious breach of prison security for over three decades", expressed astonishment there had been no indication that Mr Howard "was willing to accept any personal responsibility whatsoever for this monumental failure". His position was "increasingly untenable".

But there were clear signs in Whitehall last night that Derek Lewis, Director-General of the Prison Service, and Judge Tumim, Chief Inspector of Prisons, could eventually pay the price for the blunders disclosed in the report.

Westminster sources said that the role of Mr Lewis, at the centre of a storm last week when it was revealed that he had received a £35,000 bonus for the previous year, would be covered by the fresh disciplinary inquiry covering staff at all levels, announced by Mr Howard into the events at Whitemoor. They suggested it was unlikely that he would have his contract renewed next autumn.

Mr Lewis said that the report was devastating. He admitted the escape was "a massive failure in our first duty to the public of keeping prisoners securely in custody".

Mr Howard also published Judge Tumim's report into his inspection at Whitemoor last March, which was submitted in July. The Westminster sources pointed out that the report, far from highlighting problems in the regime at Whitemoor, had instead said that the atmosphere was too oppressive, that the watchtower be taken down and that the dog teams be removed.

The sources said that Judge Tumim's position was "difficult". However, his report clearly alerts Mr Howard to the difficulties in the unit, warning that inmates had achieved dominance over the staff, whom they treated with "friendly condescension".

The report followed a breakout by five terrorists and one robber, and the subsequent discovery of Semtex and detonators in the prison grounds. All the escapees, two of whom were armed with pistols, were recaptured, but only after one prison officer had been shot and injured. The inquiry team found an extraordinary catalogue of loopholes in practices and procedures. The report is scathing of the prison regime, where the "tail" — some of the most dangerous men in Britain — was able to wag the "dog" — the management and staff — as a result of intimidation and weakness.

Sir John, a former Chief Inspector of Constabulary, found that Whitemoor governors did not receive the "clarity and strength of support from [Prison Service] headquarters they had a right to expect". There was a "yawning gap between the Prison Service's ideals and actual practice".

Last night it was disclosed that Andrew Barclay, the governor at Whitemoor until May, is to move from his job in the prisons inspectorate within the next few weeks. Mr Barclay, 47, a sociology graduate from Kent University, is to move to an unspecified post in the Home Office.

Mr Howard, interviewed on *Channel 4 News*, said that Sir John had undertaken a thorough report that pulled no punches. "He makes no criticism of me, nor of my policy."

There were gasps and jeers in the Commons as Mr Howard gave details of the report and told MPs that he was accepting all 64 of Sir John's recommendations. He said the report revealed "a dreadful state of affairs" and "a devastating picture of the regime in the special secure unit at Whitemoor", where "everything that could have gone wrong has in fact done so".

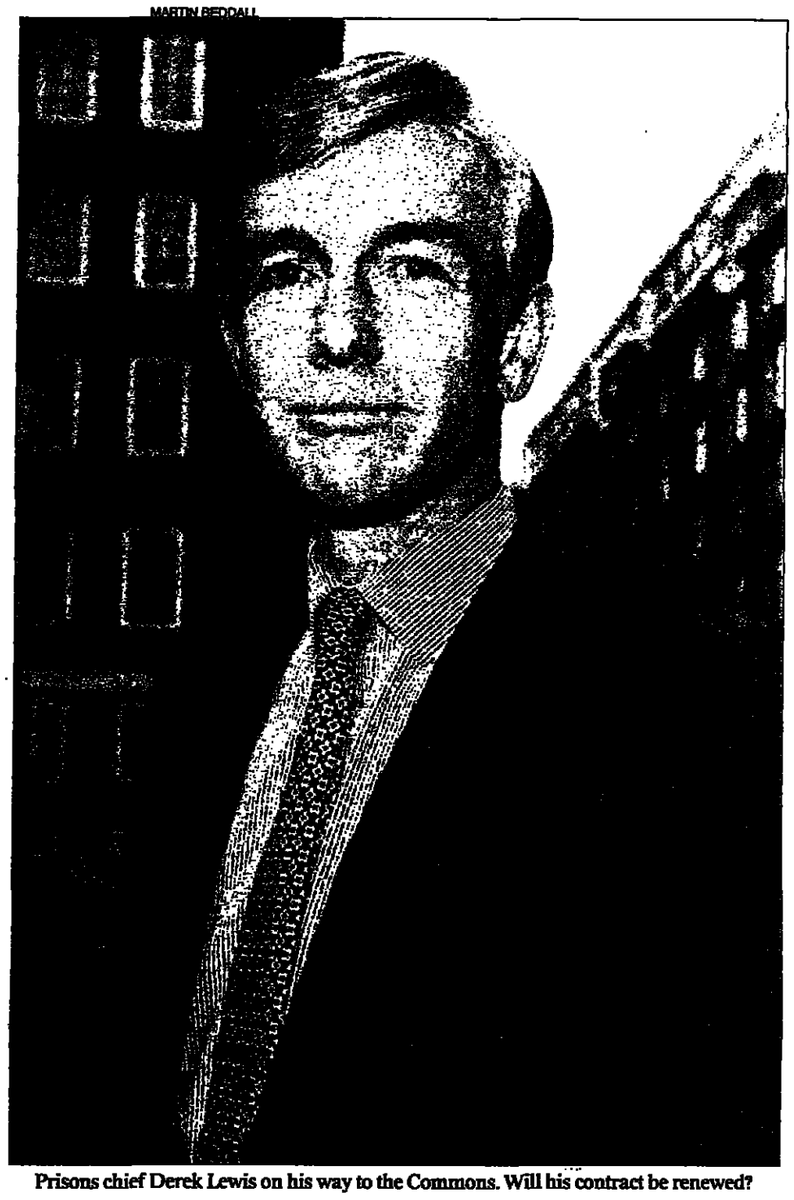
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Howard: "devastating picture" of Whitemoor regime



MARTIN BEDDALL



Prisons chief Derek Lewis on his way to the Commons. Will his contract be renewed?

Warning given two months earlier

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD was given a warning two months before the Whitemoor escape that 10 inmates in the special secure unit had achieved dominance over the staff.

In his inspection report sent to the Home Secretary in July, Judge Tumim highlighted the shopping trips undertaken by officers for inmates. He said: "It was normal for inmates to agree not to arrange visits on the shopping days, thus freeing staff who would normally be deployed to supervise them for shopping. It was in our view inappropriate for prison officers to do this work."

Judge Tumim added: "The fact that inmates wishing to use the telephone had to pass through the main office, and had developed the habit of doing so apparently without feeling the need to seek permission, meant that [they] denied staff any privacy."

Judge Tumim added: "Apparently the inmates had insisted that their personal possessions be close at hand and not stored in the main prison. This demand had been acceded to. Indeed there seemed to be few demands that had not. We recommend that all items of property not required for inmates' immediate use be properly stored outside the [secure unit].

"We received a distinct impression that . . . inmates had achieved some dominance over the staff, who were clearly in awe of some of their charges. Inmates seemed to treat staff with tolerant but friendly condescension and it appeared that the staff were at the inmates' beck and call. In these circumstances it was strongly to be doubted that staff were achieving anything useful by their presence."

His inspection was between February 28 and March 10.

Carter says Serbs agree to ceasefire

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JIMMY Carter, the former US President, said last night that the Bosnian Serbs had agreed to an immediate four-month ceasefire in their war with the Bosnian Muslims.

After seven hours of talks with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, Mr Carter said the Serbs had also agreed to resume peace talks on the basis of the five-nation Contact Group plan.

Mr Carter, on a peace mission in Bosnia at the invitation of Mr Karadzic, said he would return to Sarajevo to put the ceasefire proposal to the Muslim-led Bosnian Government. "The Bosnian Serb side agreed to an immediate ceasefire and to negotiate a lasting cessation of hostilities," he said. "While a ceasefire is in place, Bosnian Serb leaders agree to discuss peace on the basis of the Contact Group plan at a mutually acceptable site."

The agreement — which also committed the Serbs to stop harassing UN aid operations — was signed by Mr Carter, Mr Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb Army commander.

The announcement came only hours after Mr Carter said the world had only been told one side of the war. "It may be that today is one of the rare chances to let the world know the truth and to explain the commitment of the Serbs to a peace agreement," he said.

His visit has provoked scepticism among UN officials who said it was likely to undermine peace efforts.

Serbs lauded, page 10

Russians hit TV station

Russian aircraft last night bombed Grozny, apparently putting out of action the Chechen state television service.

Four loud explosions were heard. The aircraft drew a fierce barrage of anti-aircraft fire but none was hit. Chechen television, broadcasting from a tower that Russian planes had missed in a raid early yesterday, went off the air immediately after the explosions were heard.

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Takeover bid for Northern Electric

Trafalgar House has launched a hostile £1.2 billion offer from Northern Electric, one of the 12 privatised regional electricity companies. Northern said the bid, backed by Trafalgar's 25 per cent owner, Hongkong Land, was "wholly inadequate." The offer may trigger a wave of takeovers among the electric companies.

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Euro ruling challenges Bulger killers' sentence

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Secretary has no right to decide the sentence to be served by juveniles such as the two children who killed James Bulger, the European Commission of Human Rights ruled yesterday.

In a unanimous decision the 18 members of the Commission struck a blow at the powers of Government ministers to set the sentence for juvenile murderers who are ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure.

If upheld by the European Court of Human Rights next year, the ruling will force the Home Office to review the sentences on up to 400 offenders under 18 detained for murder and in many cases reduce them.

With the two Bulger boys, Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, both 11, who were convicted last year of the murder of the Liverpool toddler, the Home Secretary set their sentence at 15 years — significantly above the sentence of eight years handed down by the trial judge and that of 10 years recommended by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth.

Denise Bulger, mother of the murdered boy, immediately appealed to Michael Howard not to shorten the sentence of her son's killers. She said Mr Howard should contest any European ruling that Thompson or Venables should be freed before serving a minimum of 15 years.

Justice, the all-party human rights group which brought the test challenge to the Commission in Strasbourg, welcomed the ruling which arose in the cases of two youths, Prem Singh and Abed Hussain, 15 and 16 when convicted of murder.

Abed Hussain, now 32, was sentenced to indeterminate imprisonment at 16 for the murder of his brother, a conviction he has contested. Prem Singh, now 37, was convicted of murder in 1973 and released on licence in 1990. His licence was subsequently revoked by the Home Secretary. He is still detained.

Paul Cavadino, chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said the European decision was a welcome step "towards eliminating political interference in the judicial process."

The Home Office announced last night it would appeal against the finding to the European Court of Human Rights, the final arbiter. A hearing is expected in July.

If upheld by the court, the ruling will mean that juveniles convicted of murder should be treated in the same way as adult discretionary life prisoners and have their length of sentence determined by a court or judge, not by the Home Secretary.

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Alcott: novel rejected as "too sensational"

Before Little Women, a love story too hot to handle

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A ROMANTIC novel by Louisa May Alcott, which was rejected more than a century ago by her publisher as too raunchy for Victorian readers, is finally to be published.

Alcott's *Little Women* quickly became a children's classic when it was published in 1868, but two years earlier the American writer had completed a steamier work that never saw the light of day.

A Long Fatal Love Chase tells the story of Rosamund, a self-willed woman of an "ardent nature" who is stalked around Europe by her first lover, the sinister Phillip Tempest. When James Elliott, Alcott's publisher, read the novel he dismissed it as "too long and too sensational".

Last week the handwritten, 292-page manuscript was bought by the New York publisher Little Brown for an undisclosed sum from Kent Bicknell, a collector of Alcott memorabilia, who had obtained it from a Manhattan second-hand book shop in 1991. It will be published next year, 107 years after the novelist's death.

"This is an adult book, and it's not just for dusty scholars — it's for people at the beach," Mr Bicknell said.

The tale begins on an island off the English coast where Rosamund lives with her grandfather, who gambles away her hand in marriage to the saturnine and sinister Tempest. Then the chase begins.

Alcott had written several Gothic thrillers for magazines, under the pseudonym A. M. Barnard, and two complete fictional works by the time she wrote *Love Chase*.

After the rejection, she tried to "tone down" the stronger romantic passages, before abandoning the book to start work on *Little Women*. The book was an instant best-seller and has been made into a film four times: the first version, with Katharine Hepburn, was released in 1933. The latest, starring Winona Ryder, opens in American cinemas tomorrow.

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Roads programme on hold after report questions benefits

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 270 road schemes are to be reviewed in a radical reassessment of the Government's £19 billion programme in the wake of a report published yesterday which indicates that new roads generate traffic rather then relieve congestion.

The Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment (Sactra) made clear its members did not accept that new road schemes led to reductions of traffic on unimproved alternative routes. One member, Dr Phil Goodwin of the Transport Studies Unit at Oxford University, estimates that a new road creates 10 per cent of new traffic in the short term and 20 per cent over a longer period.

An immediate casualty will be the A35 Newbury bypass. Like Twyford Down, it had threatened to become the scene of violent protests in spite of widespread support from local people. Improvements of the A27 along the South Downs could be another casualty of the 242-page report, which took 2½ years to prepare.

The new thinking may also influence plans to turn part of the M25 into a 14-lane superhighway, although ministers emphasised last night that it was too early to write that scheme's obituary.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, said that as a result of the Sactra report, schemes in the planning stage would undergo extra assessment to judge their overall impact on traffic. Schemes already under way would not be affected.

Michael Meacher, Shadow Transport Secretary, said: "This Government must be forced into a U-turn and recognise this report for what it is — a watershed in transport policy. It strikes at the very heart of this Government's dependence on the roads programme which is costing taxpayers billions of pounds a year."

In a related announcement, Dr Mawhinney told MPs in the Commons he was now concentrating roads spending on developing the existing network. He added: "I have made it clear that the trunk road network is broadly complete. Our priority now must be to make the most effective use of the existing network — especially motorways — and building to remove congestion and pollution blackspots."

The 270 schemes to be reviewed extend through the length and breadth of the country and encompass relatively small bypasses and lengthy motorway improvements. Some schemes will be delayed until private contractors can be found to build and operate them.

Lovers of dormice and bats rejoice

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT



Sir Michael: "This is marvellous news"

ANTI-ROADS protesters and environmentalists celebrated last night after learning that the Newbury bypass had been shelved.

The announcement by Dr Brian Mawhinney is expected to lead to a review of the route that threatened colonies of dormice and bats and was planned to cut through an area of outstanding natural beauty, the Snelsmore Common site of special scientific interest and proposed SSSIs on the Kennet and Lambourn flood plains.

The actor Sir Michael Hordern, who lives in the village of Bagnor to the west of the town, had joined protests about the westerly route for the road. Other groups had protested against a route east of Newbury. Sir Michael, 83, said last night: "This is marvellous news. As planned it would have wrecked this countryside completely. Please God, it is a step in the right direction."

He said Dr Mawhinney should consider a more environmentally friendly scheme or scrap the bypass. "I hope for a rethink, but to be honest I cannot imagine how he will reroute it. It will be hell wherever the road goes."

THE SCHEMES GOING AHEAD

The following schemes will go ahead with public funding: A12 Hackney-M11 contracts 1, 2 & 3; A40 Gypsy Corner improvement; A40 Western Circus junction improvement; A406/A1/A598 Regents Park junction improvement; A406 Silver Street-Fore Street improvement; A50 Blythe Bridge-Queensway phase 2; A564 Derby Southern bypass; A568 Widnes eastern bypass (south); A65 Manor Park bends; A65 Hellifield-Long Preston bypass; M1 junctions 21-21A widening phase 1; M1-M621 link road; M25 junctions 8-10 widening; M5 junctions 18-19 widening; M6 junctions 20-21A (bridge renewal); M65 Blackburn southern bypass contract 2; M66 Denton-Middleton contract 1. Schemes being worked up as DBFOs (design build operated and financed): A19 Norton-Parkway Improvement; A30 Honiton-Exeter Improvement; A564 Doveridge Bypass; M40 Junctions 1A-3 widening.



Columbus Taylor, the son of Lady Helen and Tim Taylor, was christened yesterday in a private ceremony at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace. The child, grandson of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, is 23rd in line to the throne

QE2 picket ends in cash deals

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PASSENGERS dropped from the QE2's Christmas cruise have been offered "tailor-made" compensation packages by Cunard, it was announced last night.

Confirmation of the deal came after one of the passengers, a solicitor, picketed the shipping line's headquarters in Pall Mall, London, until officials agreed to see him. David Steene, 35, from Elstree, Hertfordshire, later said Cunard had given an "unreserved apology" to the 500 people turned off the cruise. Cunard will fly Mr Steene, his wife Dianne and their three children to America to join a cruise after other passengers leave the ship.

Eric Flounders, a Cunard spokesman, said that the company had been in touch yesterday with individuals to arrange satisfactory compensation. "We have individually tailored things for them," he said. He did not know how many would be flying to New York to join the cruise.

Mr Steene, who acted as spokesman for angry holiday-makers dropped from the cruise, said in a prepared statement: "I have received an unreserved apology both for me and the other passengers for the distress and disappointment caused. I will be joining the QE2 with my family in New York and I have been assured by a director of Cunard ... that satisfactory individual alternative arrangements for all other passengers have been made and have been accepted by them."

After picketing the Cunard building Mr Steene had been allowed in with a fellow solicitor, Craig Emden, to see the line's commercial director, Robin Wilkins. The company had said it was "sincerely sorry for my and other passengers' disappointment". Mr Steene said. "There has been a complete about-turn."

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A frozen smile of victory in the half-light

On the pavement at the St Stephen's entrance to the Commons yesterday occurred a little scene which could signal a new era.

Not that the scene was unusual: Labour candidates regularly win by-elections, and regularly pose outside the Commons before taking the Commons plunge. Ian Pearson, victor of Dudley, was the latest in a long line of grinning newcomers. So why the excitement, crackling in the dry air of a cold December afternoon? Why the bystanders, straining to see? Why the array of cameras, microphones and technicians, jostling for position behind the crowd barriers?

Because Tony Blair was coming to pose with Mr Pearson. The Labour leader was due at 3.00.

All of a sudden, the world wants to look at him, shake his hand, get his autograph. A nation and its news media who have long known in their heads that the Tories are losing now start to feel in their guts that Labour is winning.

The second follows from the first but there can be a long delay while the reasoning sinks in. It has sunk in now. The strange half-light, in which one Government is written off but the succession is not comprehended, is ending. Leadership begins to pass before a general election sets the seal on its passage. You could tell that from the mood on the pavement.

At 3.05 Tony Blair came out. His hair was perfect.

His dark suit, double-breasted and expensively cut, set off a shirt sufficiently blue to reassure Tory doubters, with a tie red enough to satisfy "old" Labour yet silken enough to please the City. His shoes were shiny and his fingernails clean. He grasped Pearson's hand.

Mr Blair did not speak, for this was not a speaking engagement, it was a smiling engagement. He just stood, in a frozen handclasp and a frozen smile for 45 seconds while the cameras whirred. There were small cries of joy and squeaks of excitement from the crowd. "It's *him*," said the woman next to me.

The 45-second freeze-frame allowed me a hard look at Blair. I realised what he reminded me of. Did you see the film *Gremlins*?

The story begins in cutesy style but turns very nasty. It features a breed of cuddly, fluffy creature with large pointed ears and sharp teeth. The leading gremlin (at first everybody's pet) is named Gismo. Gismo appears friendly. In this phase a gremlin is called a mugwut.

But under certain conditions metamorphosis can occur. Then the mugwut changes irreversibly. Its behaviour becomes shockingly violent and peremptory, brooking no obstruction. The gremlin's fur loses its strokeable quality, and turns spikey and punk-like. The teeth and ears grow. Claws appear. The creature can be vilely destructive.

According to *Gremlins*, a mugwut goes feral if (a) it ever gets wet; or (b) it is allowed to eat after midnight. Have you noticed how Blair's minders never allow him out in the rain? Have you ever seen Tony Blair permitted anywhere near food after midnight?

After Gismo had clasped Mr Pearson's hand for a while, the whole entourage re-entered the Commons. But shouts of "come back, Tony," brought Gismo and Ian out again, alone this time. For stragglers among the snappers, they staged a second smile. Then they were gone, Gismo scuttling up the stairs, the lady next to me murmuring "isn't he nice?".

Will Gismo repeat the performance, this time on the steps of Downing Street? Yesterday looked a convincing rehearsal. But only if the rain (and the night-feeding) hold off just a little longer.

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NUT backs down to end boycott of national tests

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT



Mr McAvoy's move was welcomed by Mrs Shephard

THE DISPUTE between teachers and the Government over national testing appeared to be over after two years yesterday when the biggest union recommended that members abandon their boycott.

The national executive of the National Union of Teachers said next summer's tests for pupils aged 7, 11 and 14 should not be disrupted. The decision to ballot members in January marks a U-turn by Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, who only last month dismissed government concessions and said the action would continue.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, welcomed the NUT's move as "professional and considered". She said: "The Government and its partners in the education service can now concentrate on raising standards by implementing the major reforms of the last few years. That is excellent news for pupils and parents."

The NUT's climbdown represents a victory for the conciliatory approach that has characterised Mrs Shephard's tenure since she took over as Education Secretary from John Patten in July. The union was left isolated after two other classroom unions called off their action nine months ago and Labour committed itself to the tests and national school examination league tables. A £30 million package for external marking of next year's tests allayed many teachers' concerns over workload.

Mr McAvoy yesterday tried to justify the about-turn by claiming it had extracted a commitment from Mrs Shephard last week to evaluate next summer's tests independently in consultation with teachers. Government advisers have, however, compiled such a report for the past three years.

Mr McAvoy refused to be drawn on the Government's continuing commitment to publish test results in the form of league tables for 11-year-olds. He said: "We are confident that what we are saying will be shown by the experience of our members carrying out testing and assessment."

Rival union leaders last night expressed bafflement at the NUT's tactics. One said: "It is remarkable how a deal condemned as a sell-out only weeks ago by the NUT has been transformed into a momentous victory."

The NUT has suffered a decline in membership over the past two decades, with much of its energy spent on internal factional disputes. Mr McAvoy's declaration last month that the boycott would continue — backed by a survey highlighting members' opposition to government reforms — coincided with a hard-fought contest for the deputy general secretary's post. Only when this was won convincingly by the moderate candidate did the leadership change tack and take on the Left. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, welcomed the NUT's move as a "catching up on common sense".

☐ The all-party Commons Select Committee on Education said yesterday that the Prime Minister's initiative to provide pre-school education for every four-year-old whose parents wanted it should not sacrifice quality of provision for rapid expansion.

Loyalist says bomb has left peace on knife edge

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING loyalist said last night that the Northern Ireland peace process was on a "knife edge" after a bomb with a kilogram of Semtex was discovered in Enniskillen.

The warning from Gary McMichael, of the Ulster Democratic Party, who helped to broker the loyalist ceasefire, came after the IRA denied that it had planted the bomb outside a furniture store on Sunday night.

The bomb, which was the first since the IRA ceasefire, was blown up by Army bomb disposal experts in a controlled explosion. The incident was one of the main items on the Government's second round of talks with Sinn Fein at Stormont yesterday.

Mr McMichael, whose party has links to the outlawed Ulster Defence Association, said that he was greatly concerned by the bomb. "I believe the peace process is on a knife edge," he said. "I believe the ceasefires are on a knife edge."

Martin McGuinness, a leading member of Sinn Fein, said the Enniskillen bomb had nothing to do with his party. Speaking after his party's meeting with senior government officials he said: "Sinn Fein believes we have moved past the whole area of condemnation. We are now in a totally new era, a totally new situation. I regard the particular incident as being of no great significance."

☐ The Irish Government may release up to nine IRA prisoners before Christmas. Nora Owen, the new Justice Minister, hopes to make an announcement within the next few days. The Justice Ministry announced last month that the nine IRA prisoners would be released because of the ceasefire. However, Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, the former Justice Minister, suspended the release after the IRA shot dead Frank Kerr, a postal worker, in Newry last month.

MP tries to defuse school row

BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PETER KILFOYLE, Labour's schools spokesman, declared yesterday that he would not withdraw his son from a top-ranking state secondary even if it won approval to become a grammar after government criticism of its admissions policy.

Mr Kilfoyle tried to defuse the controversy over the apparent conflict between party policy and his son's attendance at the Liverpool Blue Coat School, which admits it is not a "true comprehensive". He said he opposed any move by the school to introduce formal academic selection but asked: "Would you withdraw your son from a school as he was about to decide on his GCSEs?"

The Blue Coat, which was the top comprehensive in this summer's national GCSE examination tables, is under pressure from the Education Department to clarify its admissions procedures after claims that it uses "covert selection". The school chooses pupils after interviewing boys and their parents, a method similar to that used by the London Oratory, the grant maintained secondary chosen by Tony Blair for his son.

Mr Kilfoyle, MP for Liverpool Walton, denied he was embarrassed by the disclosure in *The Times* yesterday that he sent his son to a school which critics claim is a grammar in all but name.

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Animal rights chief given 14 years for campaign of terror

By Kathryn Knight

A LEADER of the Animal Liberation Front who waged a four-year campaign of sabotage against the meat and poultry industry was jailed for 14 years yesterday.

Supporters in the public gallery at the Old Bailey shouted obscenities at the judge and cried "The war goes on" as Keith Mann, 28, was sentenced. Mr Justice Mitchell said that he was a "determined and dangerous fanatic" whose tactics "bore the hallmarks of terrorism".

Mann, who escaped police custody last year and remained free for ten months, was finally captured by a police dog in April after fleeing from detectives who raided the animal sanctuary where he had been working.

Anthony Gee, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mann, of Bury, Greater Manchester, appeared to be the ringleader of the Animal Liberation Front, whose objective was to "cause as much economic damage as possible to companies and individuals perceived to be abusers of animals".

Mann, who has previous convictions for disrupting fox-hunting and hare-coursing meetings, had admitted criminal damage, attempted arson, incitement to commit damage and theft, escaping custody and possession of explosive substances between June 1990 and April this year.

He was arrested three years ago after a long police investigation into the ALF. In June 1990 he took part in an attack on an abattoir in Oldham, Greater Manchester, in which three lorries were destroyed. After the raid, the court was told, he sent a letter to the *Oldham Evening Chronicle* in which he said: "We will escalate our activities until greedy human beings learn to respect all life."

In October 1991, police saw him plant eight incendiary bombs at a battery hen farm near Canterbury. The bombs failed to explode.

He continued his campaign while on remand at Walton Prison in Liverpool. Prison officers intercepted documents and pamphlets containing details on making incendiary devices and urging fellow campaigners to continue to fight the cause. One pamphlet said: "We are capable of dealing with anyone. No one has died yet but that time will come. For now we have to make their disgusting lives hell so they won't want to live."

He escaped from the police on April 30 last year, after wrestling free from an officer in a police station in Manchester and leaping over a 12ft wall. He was captured while working at an animal sanctuary in Kent owned by the former model Celia Hammond. She had no idea that he had ALF connections.

Police raided the farm and found incendiary materials, including weedkiller, fireworks and sucrose in Mann's bedroom. They also found an envelope under the carpet containing a list of potential bomb targets.

The judge said that, while many people had sympathy for Mann's cause, his tactics bore all the hallmarks of terrorism. "You are a determined and dangerous fanatic. You were a dedicated, ruthless and full-time activist, whose goal was economic damage on businesses."

Mann grew up with a passion for animals which became an obsession. In his early teens he successfully campaigned against the filling of a local pond used by moorhens. At 16 he borrowed his mother's wallpaper pasting table and pitched it on the streets of Manchester to raise funds for animal welfare. Detectives moved him on, after which he developed a hatred for the police.

He joined the ALF and soon became a key member. Between working voluntarily for animal welfare organisations, he travelled the country distributing pamphlets and crusading for his cause.

James Wood, QC, for the defence, disputed the prosecution's claim that Mann was an ALF ringleader. However, Detective Superintendent Ivan Montgomery, of Greater Manchester Police, said outside the court: "We still say he was a leader of the ALF — not in the sense that he was elected, but in the sense that he was extremely active, dedicated and ruthless."



Keith Mann: judge called him a dangerous fanatic



Maria Ampadu arriving at the industrial the tribunal in Manchester yesterday

Barmaid sacked over race jokes video wins £1,900

By Kate Alderson

A BLACK barmaid sacked after complaining about racist jokes in a video featuring the comedian Jim Davidson has been awarded £1,900 compensation and guaranteed a glowing reference from her former employer.

Maria Ampadu, 30, lost her part-time job after objecting to the racist content of the jokes on the video being played in the Church Inn at Little Lever, Bolton.

Ms Ampadu was the only black person in the pub at the time and last month an industrial tribunal in Manchester ruled that she had been the subject of racial discrimination and said it was "inexcusable" she had been sacked.

At a brief hearing yesterday, Ms Ampadu's former employer, Evelyn Mullane, agreed to pay compensation and provide a reference describing the former barmaid as "friendly, honest and trustworthy".

Ms Ampadu, a student at Central Lancashire University, declined to comment after the hearing. Cathy Gallagher, a representative from the Commission for Racial Equality, read out a statement on her behalf: "I am pleased that the tribunal understood what had happened to me and that they agreed I should not have had to put up with those conditions.

"I now want to put the whole matter behind me but I hope that the decision in my case means that others will not be put through the same experience."

Teacher 'spread lies about sex life of head'

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

A TEACHER at a Surrey prep school spread false rumours about the headmaster's sex life and humiliated fellow staff, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Madeline Kendrick was said to have told parents that the head of Edgeborough School in Farnham had been forced out of his previous job because of an adulterous affair, and that girls were not safe in his company.

Mrs Kendrick, aged in her late fifties, is claiming unfair dismissal. She was sacked from the school in March on the basis of complaints about her behaviour over the previous six months.

Richard Jackson, the headmaster, told the Croydon tribunal that he feared for the future of the boarding school. Staff and parents regularly complained of malicious and intimidating treatment by Mrs Kendrick, who was in charge of the pre-prep department. She was said to have telephoned the parents of one child to tell them that their son did not deserve an award he had won as the best pupil. But, when confronted, Mrs Kendrick denied all the allegations.

In one instance, he had been the victim of a damaging rumour. "The allegations were that I had had an extra-marital affair in Winchester, which had led to my departure from Pilgrims School there, and that young girls were not safe in my care at the school." He said that his ten-year-old daughter had heard the rumour and was in tears when she asked him about it.

He accused Mrs Kendrick of conducting a vindictive campaign against a nursery teacher, telling parents that the woman had lied about her qualifications. "Mrs Kendrick was not averse to mentioning people's names to parents and insinuating things about their lives and their backgrounds."

David Bean, counsel for Mrs Kendrick, said that gossip about Mr Jackson's alleged affair was common in the staff room and had not been started by Mrs Kendrick.

The case continues today.

Cocaine found on beaches

Customs officials asked the public to look out for parcels of cocaine washed on to South Coast beaches. Twelve packages, worth about £850,000, were found near Weymouth, Dorset, on Sunday, and others in Alderney and the Isle of Wight. They are thought to have been lost during a transfer between boats.

Killing charges

A former Aids hospice nurse was remanded in custody by Winchester Crown Court, accused of two murders. Kevin Willis, 29, of Bournemouth, denied the charges.

Cash hijack

Two armed men hijacked a Securicor van, gagged and hooded the guards and made off with £750,000 after a hold-up outside a supermarket in Poplar, east London.

Murder remand

Roger Vincent, 22, of Northolt, west London, was remanded in custody by Watford magistrates, accused of murdering Robert Magill, a car dealer from Hertfordshire.

Boy returns

Ashley Fowle, four, from Northfleet, Kent, who is recovering well after a life-saving brain operation in America, will return home with his parents tomorrow.

Crashes kill four

Two drivers, a man and a woman, died yesterday when their cars collided head on near Swindon, Wiltshire. Earlier, two women were killed in a two-car crash in Edinburgh.

High-speed theft

China cups carrying "Le Shuttle" logo have been replaced with plastic beakers on Channel Tunnel services because 2,000 of them were stolen by souvenir hunters.

Parrot traced

Police in Seaford, East Sussex, used DNA techniques to identify a stolen parrot. A man was charged with theft after the bird proved to be Jumbo, an African grey worth £600.

Father of missing boy jailed for thefts

By A Staff Reporter

THE father of the missing boy Ben Needham was jailed for five years yesterday for a series of burglaries against elderly women living alone.

Simon Ward, 24, whose son disappeared on the Greek island of Kos three years ago, was told by the judge at Derby Crown Court that his actions were despicable.

The court was told that Ward, who is separated from Ben's mother, burgled an 87-year-old widow within three weeks of being given a suspended jail term for similar crimes. He and an accomplice told their victim that they were council workmen who had come to repair her windows. While one chatted to her, the other stole £300, the prosecution said.

Almost a year later Ward and an accomplice burgled the flat of a woman aged 76 in Chesterfield. They stole £80 in cash and £80 of telephone stamps.

Ward, who has been in custody for nine months, admitted burglary and being in breach of a suspended sentence; driving without due care and attention; failing to give a name and address after an accident; driving while disqualified; and driving without insurance.

He also admitted failing to surrender to custody. He missed a court appearance after being flown to Kos by a television company.

Bored schoolboy who robbed bank gets eight years

By Lucy Berrington

A SCHOOLBOY who told police that he committed a bank robbery because he was bored with waiting for his A-level results was jailed for eight years yesterday.

A court was told that war games inspired Jamie Insole, 18, to hold up a branch of Barclays Bank with an imitation pistol. Insole, who carried out the crime a month after taking A-level examinations, later learnt that he had achieved good grades.

Dressed in a combat jacket and mask, he used an imitation Second World War pistol to threaten a woman cashier in a branch less than a mile from his home in Cardiff. He fled with £1,147 before running into nearby bushes to change into civilian clothes but was chased and overpowered by two passers-by.

Insole told police he had been acting out a fantasy because he was "fed up with nothing to do" while waiting for his results. He achieved a B grade and two Cs at Cantonian High School, Cardiff, and had planned to go to the University of Wales.

Onsole fidgeted nervously as Cardiff Crown Court was told that he enjoyed war games and was involved with a battle re-enactment group. Karl Williams, for Insole, said: "He is an unusual young man. He has only a tenuous grip on reality and was going through an emotional crisis about his future." Insole, who lived with his aunt after his parents separated, admitted robbery and carrying an imitation firearm with intent. Judge Prosser told him: "You put the staff at that bank through a frightening experience. Due to the instability of your emotions you are of some risk to the public."

Alan Cowell, Insole's headmaster, said after the case: "Jamie had a good future



Insole: "tenuous grip on reality"

because he was bright and able. We feel that eight years is a very harsh sentence for such a young man."

Judge Prosser, 61, made headlines last year when he let a 15-year-old rapist walk free after ordering him to pay £500 so that his schoolgirl victim could go on holiday. The sentence was changed at the Court of Appeal to two years' youth custody.

Mother 'let her lover beat baby to death'

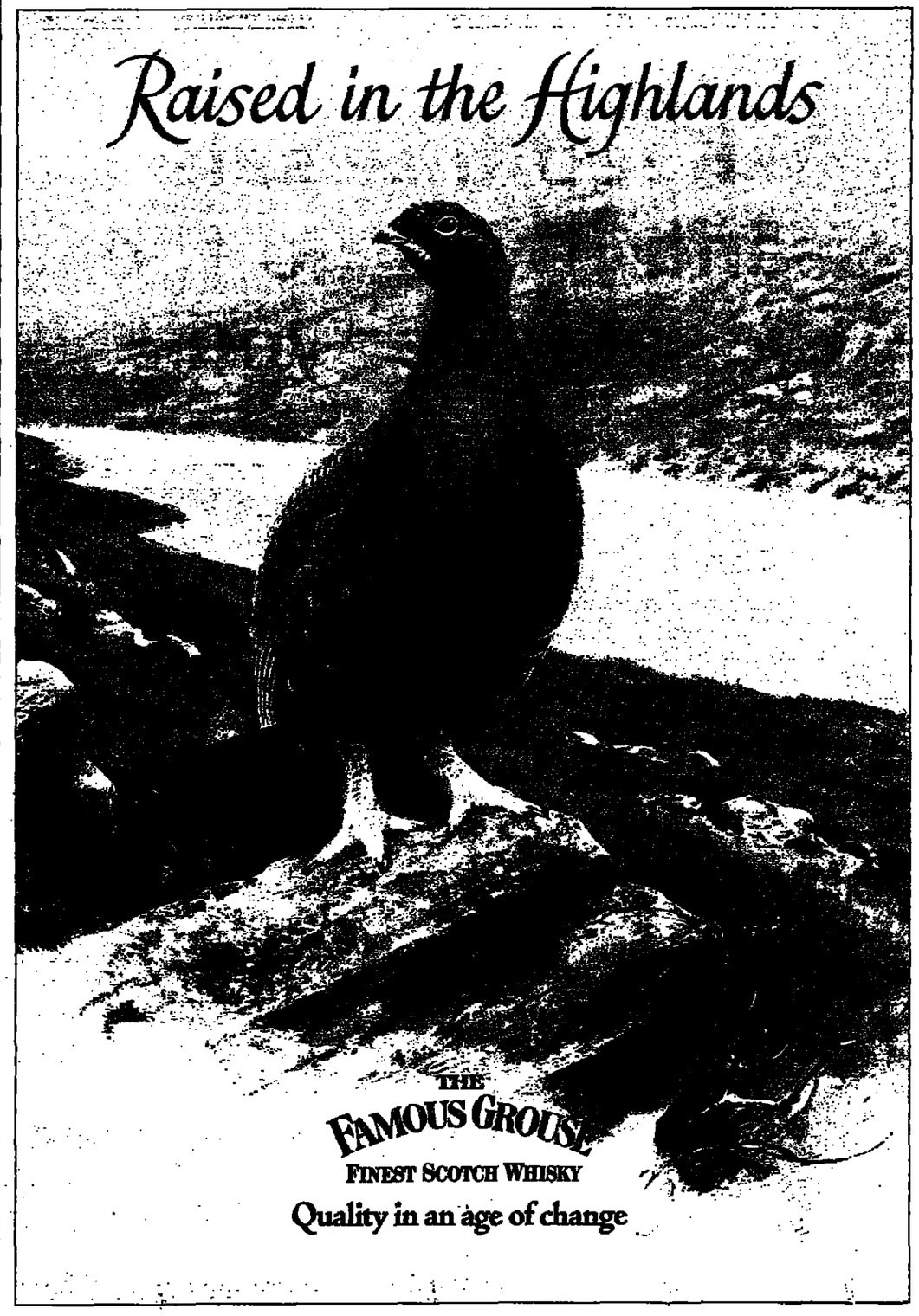
By A Staff Reporter

A BABY boy was battered to death after his teenage mother moved in with her older lover, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Darren Lee suffered at least three serious assaults in the six weeks before he died aged nine months from multiple skull fractures.

His injuries included fractured ribs, a broken arm and severe bruising to his face and neck. His pain and distress would have been obvious and prolonged, said Timothy Barnes, QC, for the prosecution. He said that although the injuries had been inflicted by David Larkin, 32, Darren's mother Clare Taylor did nothing to stop him.

"She knew what was going on and neglected her baby by failing to remove Darren from the house or to take steps to prevent Mr Larkin from battering the child or taking him for medical attention in time when she knew Darren was being battered — and that, says the Crown, renders her liable to this charge of child cruelty."

Mr Barnes told the jury that Larkin had been dealt with separately and it was not for them to speculate on his role. Miss Taylor, 19, from Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, was 17 at the time. She denies cruelty to Darren in a manner likely to cause him unnecessary suffering between October and December 1992. The trial continues.



Earl of Arran reveals English roots

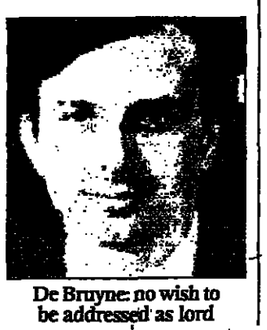
By Alan Hamilton

THE new Earl of Arran, who last week bought himself anonymously into a ruined castle, 1,000 acres of scrubland and the outer fringes of the Scottish aristocracy for £425,000, revealed himself yesterday as an Eton-educated English entrepreneur living near Cambridge.

John de Bruyne, 48, who owns a firm making riding-whips, gloves and umbrellas for the Queen, disclosed that he was the bidder at an auction last week who emerged from the back of the hall when the lot failed to reach its reserve price of £410,000. Mr de Bruyne, who owns the Swaine Adeney leather-goods business in Saffron Walden, Essex, said yesterday that he had wanted the castle rather than the title, and had no wish to call himself Lord Arran or apply for a seat in the House of Lords: "My wife and I had always loved the castle and thought it would be repairable. It is the most wonderful romantic place."

The 14th-century Lochranza Castle on the Isle of Arran in the Firth of Clyde is a ruin, uninhabited for 200 years. There are two other active titles of earl of Arran.

The title was sold by Lady Jean Fforde, 74, who lived in the Hamilton ancestral seat of Brodick Castle, also on the Isle of Arran, until forced by death duties to hand it over to the National Trust for Scotland in 1960.



De Bruyne: no wish to be addressed as lord

'After-shocks have reverberated and left many individuals deeply wounded and ashamed'

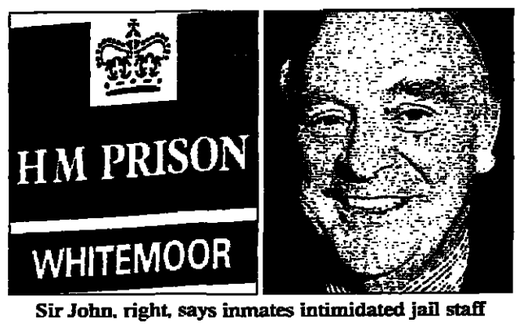
Escape by pampered IRA prisoners 'devastating'

PRISON Service staff at "every level" were criticised yesterday in Sir John Woodcock's report into the armed escape by five IRA terrorists and a robber from Whitemoor Prison.

The breakout from the Cambridgeshire jail had been a "disaster waiting to happen" with lax security, confused management up to ministerial level and pampered inmates, said Sir John, the former Chief Inspector of Constabulary appointed to conduct the inquiry.

His report describes bluntly the shortfalls at the jail and within the Prison Service that led to the breakout on the evening of September 9 from a special security unit thought by staff to be impregnable. All the escapers, two of them armed with pistols, were quickly recaptured but a prison officer was shot and injured.

The report concludes: "The events were devastating to the staff, and its after-shocks have reverberated throughout the entire Prison Service and left many individuals deeply wounded and ashamed. The story is one of a disaster waiting to happen. So many things were wrong, so many procedures and policies totally ignored and with such regularity that the escape could have taken place on any day of any week with the same chance of success.



Sir John, right, says inmates intimidated jail staff

THE CONCLUSIONS

"Evidence was found of many loopholes in adopted practices and procedures. At times it was difficult to find something done in accordance with the manuals. There were no written operational instructions for the special security unit and so a workforce gathered from many different sources cobbled together a set of practices which were then reactively tailored to events as they unfolded. Tension was high and the special security unit lasted only three days from its opening before it suffered the first of many challenges from inmates.

"... There was both a belief that the special security unit was escape-proof and inherent fear on the part of governor grades and above of a Strangeways-style riot. It led to the belief that whatever happened, inmates could never get out and allowed a regime of non-confrontation where prisoners pushed back the boundaries of acceptable practices at every opportunity.

"There was an additional fear engendered by the abuse, threats and innuendo of a group of the most dangerous offenders. These prisoners had the resources to carry out any threat and the unflinching will to do so... It is imperative that the supervisory and leadership elements should be established to provide a firm but fair regime where the 'dog' wags the 'tail' and not the reverse...

"Events demonstrated there was a yawning gap between the prison service ideals and the actual practice. The challenge to provide leadership and commitment at every level is a formidable task but must be achieved if another Whitemoor is to be avoided...

"It is recognised that there are considerable resource implications needed to implement some of the recommendations both in personnel terms and capital expenditure. If the service is to recover from this withering report it will need to avoid, at all costs, a repeat of the inordinate delay and procrastination experienced in processing previous valid recommendations. Therefore serious consideration should be given to an independent review by the end of 1995 to establish the progress made."

☐ *The Escape from Whitemoor Prison*, The Woodcock Enquiry (HMSO; £16.50)

GEOFF ROBINSON


Prison officers patrolling Whitemoor. "There was a belief that the special security unit was escape-proof"

The do-it-yourself escape kit made in special unit's hobby workshop

UNTIL 8.10pm. Friday. September 9 had been a very normal day within Whitemoor prison's special secure unit. The full complement of seven staff were on duty. Two officers were working in the control room, one monitoring an outgoing telephone call and the other watching closed circuit television.

According to the Woodcock report, the senior officer and three of those on general duties were playing Scrabble while the remaining officer was reading a book in the general association area.

The escapers are thought to have passed out a collection of self-made escape equipment — a wooden-runged rope ladder, other rope, metal poles and a clamping device — through windows in the unit's hobbies room into what is known as the sterile area between the unit and its special wall. There was no CCTV coverage for this area.

The six escapers were wearing suitable clothing for their escape and three had put on a double set of clothes in anticipation of a night on the Fens. The six moved into the exercise yard, passing through the general association area unchallenged. The staff did not supervise prisoners in the exercise yard.

Concealed within the escapers' possessions were a pair of bolt cutters, a screwdriver, a Stanley knife and a pair of pliers. They cut a hole in the exercise yard fence, which was not alarmed, bent back the cut wire and climbed into the sterile area where they collected the escape equipment. Using the metal poles to provide support, the metal clamp with a rope attached was pushed up the face of the wall and lodged astride the top. The escapers then climbed the rope in turn, some descending the other side unobserved by unit staff. While the last of the six scaled the first wall, the leaders cut a section in the next fence and bent back the flap to give them access to another sterile area inside the prison's outer wall. Cutting this section set off an alarm in the emergency control room of the main prison.

OVER THE WALL

Control room staff watched incredulously as the CCTV screens showed escaping inmates methodically climbing the outer wall apprently without fear of challenge or capture. The control room staff telephoned the special unit and alerted them of the escape in progress, by which time one escaper was already at the outer wall.

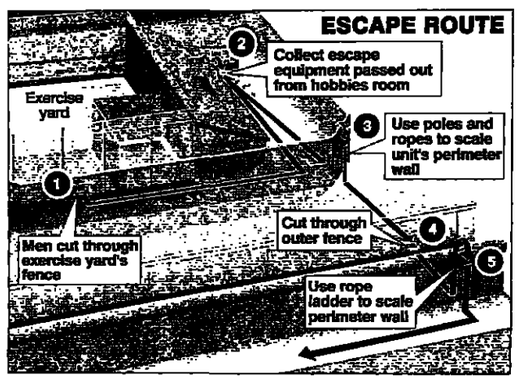
Jolted into action by the call, several special secure unit staff ran into the exercise yard and one dived through the hole in the fence. The last two escapers were still climbing a rope and a third was astride the wall. The officer ran towards the rope, planning to tackle the last two, when he was shot by the man on the wall. Other officers pulled him clear and back into the exercise yard.

The shooting did not stop other officers braving the gun and going forward into the sterile area. The leading escapers had already set up the rope ladder at the outer prison wall, fixing it to two sets of volleyball and badminton poles attached end to end. A rope let down the outside of the outer wall was attached to the second fence though which the escapers had gone by a U-bolt clamp.

While the ladder was being set up at the outer wall, one of the last escapers stood guard at the hole in the second fence brandishing a pistol. Prison officers and a dog handler arriving at the scene were challenged by the gunman and at least one shot was fired.

At one stage there were four escapers perched on the top of the outer wall. As one of them went down the outside a dog handler approached him but was threatened with a pistol and backed away without releasing his dog.

A group of officers gathered outside the prison boundary and more officers stood near the inner fence. As the last escaper descended the wall a prison officer inside released the rope's anchor point and the escaper fell heavily to the ground.



When all the escapers were off the wall they turned and ran north along the perimeter road, chased at a distance by prison officers and dog handlers. As a number of dogs were released, one of the escapers got off a shot, but the gun seemed to jam. A substance thought to be pepper was thrown at the dogs.

At this point one escaper became isolated and was arrested. The other five ran towards a nature trail on the route of a disused railway line. Three quarters of a mile along the trail they were challenged from a bridge by unarmed police officers with high-powered torches.

Three of the escapers responded to a shouted instruction from the pursuing prison staff to lie down, perhaps believing the police to be armed. The remaining two branched off across surrounding fenland and went to ground. They were found some 90 minutes later at the bottom of a bank a few feet from a main road by thermal imaging equipment operated from a police helicopter, and the escape was over.

In preparing for their attempt, the six had gone several steps beyond the traditional knotted rope ladder, making the vast majority of their equipment in the secure unit over a period of time, unnoticed by staff.

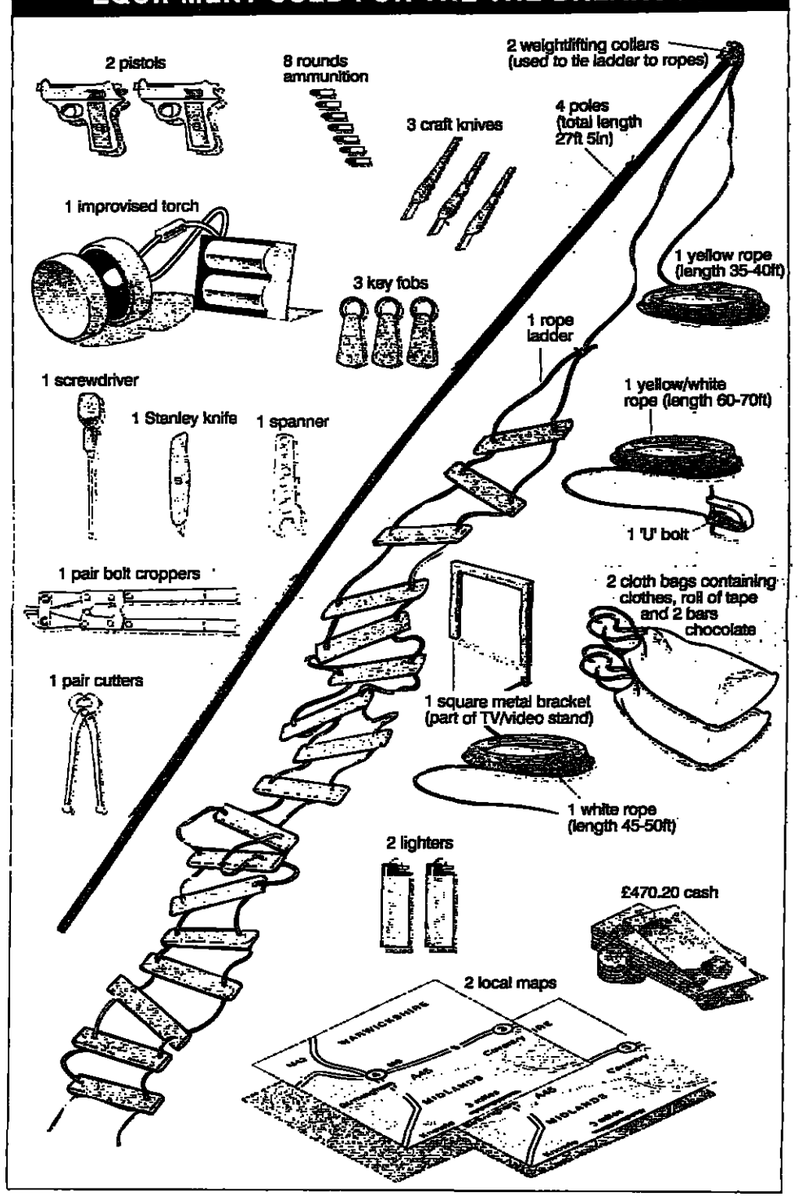
Two sets of metal poles intended for badminton or volleyball nets were joined together end to end. Fixings from a weight-training bar were used to attach rope to the poles. They plaited string together to make more than 200ft of rope and threaded through 17 wooden rungs made from "scrap" wood to make the ladder. Additional rope was made from string and mattresses torn into strips and plaited together.

Bolt cutters were made with parts, including the cutting blades, that were almost certainly smuggled in. A spanner bolted the parts together and the clamp used to bridge the inner wall came from a television stand. Other clamps used to secure ropes had apparently been taken from inmates' beds.

Facilities provided for recreation and constructive activities lent themselves perfectly to the manufacture of such equipment. The most relevant facilities were the gymnasium, the television room and the hobbies room. There were no CCTV cameras in any of the communal rooms.

The gymnasium had several forms of exercise machines and bars for loose weights. Some equipment was put away, but the majority was left out. There was a window allowing prison officers to look in from their main office. The TV room could also be monitored by prison officers outside. The hobbies room was in between the other two and had wood, art equipment, a sewing machine, a table tennis table, two musical keyboards, a bench and a vice. A small storeroom at the back housed an overspill of material, including the poles. "Hobbies room" was a misnomer: with the level of equipment available it might more fittingly have been designated a workshop. In January 1993, an inmate made long and loud protestations over the lack of privacy in the room and demanded a curtain be fitted. In the end two net curtains were put up, giving officers only the most shadowy view of what was going on inside.

EQUIPMENT USED FOR THE THE BREAKOUT



Home to 30 high risk category A prisoners

WHITEMOOR Prison, in March, Cambridgeshire, was opened in 1991 by Norma Major, and cost £58 million — almost three times the original estimate of £18.5 million.

☐ Capacity: 536 prisoners, currently holds 450.

☐ Prisoners: include 84 standard Category A prisoners plus 30 high risk category A prisoners including Denis Nilsen, serving life for killing young men at his Muswell Hill flat. More high security prisoners than any other jail in the country. 100 held for offences of murder or manslaughter, 170 for serious sexual offences, 180 for robbery, drugs and violent offences.

☐ Sentences: 114 lifers, 40 serving 16 years plus, 100 serving 11-15 years, about 200 5-10 years.

☐ Problems: New jails have to develop own culture. Prisoners and staff from other jails arrive with traditions and privileges. Inmates try to assert themselve and test staff.

☐ History: very troubled. Frequent disturbances; prison had to call in assistance from other jails, staff operated in "crisis management" environment. Prisoners refused work, started a fire, damaged the segregation unit, inmates refused to return to cells after exercise. In September 1993 Leslie Bailey, a convicted paedophile, was murdered in his cell and a major five-hour disturbance last December caused £30,000 of damage.

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Warders were demeaned by weekly trips to keep inmates supplied with best in food

Shopping orders fostered image of a pampered prison lifestyle

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE sending of officers on shopping trips to buy apparently lavish quantities of food for the secure unit's inmates soon created the impression that they were living a pampered life.

Visitors to the Whitemoor unit were allowed, against prison rules, to bring in takeaway meals in foil containers. In one instance a prisoner's brother delivered 16 fillet steaks and 24 lamb chops that inmates had ordered by telephone from a local butcher.

A week before the escape, meat worth £300 was delivered to the prison by a relative of an inmate of the unit.

The underlying philosophy had been to provide a humane environment and the "pampering" effect was a by-product. Inmates at the unit had systematically added to their privileges by identifying areas in which other prisons had allowed greater concessions.

Because the unit's inmates had few opportunities for creative activity, they were allowed to spend time cooking. Each Wednesday two officers were given the inmates' shopping lists and went to buy food as far afield as Peterborough and Kings Lynn, distances of 20 and 25 miles.

The lists were not formally vetted. It was left to individual officers to decide whether to question any items requested. The shopping invariably took a full day.

Many staff found the role demeaning and an example of the degree to which the inmates controlled the regime. Prisoners were known to send officers to collect goods ordered by telephone from particular shops. Some items

PRIVILEGES

would be delivered sealed. Officers clearly took great trouble to ensure that the prisoners were satisfied with the goods, and were relieved to win their approval. In one case an inmate who complained of new potatoes being too small threw the bag at the officers. A supervisor arranged for them to be returned to the shop and exchanged.

An idea of the quantities being ordered is provided by a claim for £75 compensation made by a prisoner whose frozen food was spoilt during his transfer to another jail.

Inmates would insist that staff went to collect late arriving newspapers. Bread had to be collected by 10.30am to ensure that it was freshly baked.

The official individual limit for annual expenditure of private cash is at present £115 per inmate plus a £75 hobbies allowance. In practice there were found to be no cash limits at Whitemoor, nor at any of its counterparts elsewhere on the country. Amounts passing through the accounts of individual inmates during the 15 months before the escape varied between £500 and £3,800.

On September 21 last year it was agreed that all inmates in the unit be allowed a 15-minute call each week at public expense. It is not clear under what authority this provision of free calls was decided. In addition the prisoners were permitted to make telephone calls at their own expense.

The telephone concession quickly became a right and the inmates took over the organisation of a rota. They walked openly through the main staff office to use the telephone in the principal officer's room, compromising security.

The scale of additional private use was apparent from the average monthly expenditure of between £10 and £90 per inmate, with one prisoner having spent £300 on telephone calls between May and August this year. There was an inmate on the telephone at the time of the escape.

ANDRÉ CAMARA



Howard leaving the Commons last night: he faced calls for his resignation

Officers admit inmates had an easy life

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

A CONSISTENT theme during interviews with staff at the secure unit was that inmates were too pampered. They also felt that too much of the Leicester regime was imported at Whitemoor.

The warders were not the only ones who had the impression that the regime was lax. The Tory MP Lady Olga Maitland wrote to the Home Secretary in January expressing concern over what she described as "luxurious" conditions and privileges afforded to inmates.

The haphazard recruitment of staff to the prison and to the secure unit produced an unfortunate situation where staff came from all over the country. A high proportion were

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new recruits. There seemed to have been little training for working in the unit and no written guidelines. None of the officers interviewed could remember any training on "conditioning" and at least one had never heard of the term. Most staff reported that they felt bored.

One officer said that prisoners manipulated staff and that routine "locks, bolts, and bars" checks in the unit were carried out only after all the prisoners had woken up. Staff were particularly anxious not to disturb one inmate who regularly slept until noon.

Staff in the unit were prime candidates for "conditioning" — the process whereby prisoners lull warders into a false sense of security by behaving well, or, alternatively, take control of the regime by intimidation — and yet were given no special training on how to deal with this.

Briefings, debriefing, and regular staff meetings would have identified bad practice but these meetings were not held. The unit was also very isolated in management terms. Governors persistently avoided spending time in the unit or visiting it because whenever they did so inmates lobbied them for change.



Lady Olga: concerned at prison "luxury"

Rub-down searches suspended after one visitor complained

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE escapees had two pistols and at least eight rounds of ammunition at the time of the escape. The most startling finds were Semtex, fuses and detonators found in the false base of an artist's paint box.

Special Security Unit (SSU) visitors were subject to a search procedure. The reality was that, due to staff levels and limited space availability, all the search procedures were not carried out so as to speed the passage of visitors.

Staff reported concern over the siting and effectiveness of X-ray equipment provided and their level of training in its use.

☐ Rub-down searches:

The rub-down searching of visitors was controversial throughout the SSU's short life. When it opened in January 1992, six inmates moved from Leicester. Two days later, a female visitor to one of the inmates complained strongly about being requested to submit to a rub down search before her visit.

In the light of threats from prisoners, the governor, Andrew Barclay, suspended the rub-down searches and consulted the Home Office prison department. Ministers were not informed at that time, the inquiry said.

It was decided that proper procedures would be applied to all visitors to all exceptional risk prisoners from March 9, 1992. It was decided to write to SSU prisoners and their approved visitor. It should not have taken much foresight to realise this would provoke further protest, and this indeed ensued. Three days before the agreed date for implementing the additional measures at Full Sutton and Whitemoor, they were suspended. It was thought that the search procedures might bring more trouble than they were worth. The minister (Angela Rumbold) was informed and she accepted the postponement on the premise that there would be a thorough review of the procedures operating in all SSUs.

There then ensued an inordinate delay. The reopening of the SSU in June 1993 (after it had been closed for renovation) provided an opportunity for the reintroduction of rub-down search.

HOW THE GUNS GOT IN

That it had taken 17 months to resolve this was dangerous and unprofessional.

The prison department never raised this issue again with any minister after the suspension of searching practices in March 1992. The original minister involved moved in April 1992 (Mrs Rumbold) and it is clear that the incoming minister (Peter Lloyd) was never briefed by the prison service.

It defies belief that one complaint, which should have been dealt with positively and immediately, had been allowed to develop into a cause celebre, the report said. It is regrettable that such a complaint brought about an agreed suspension of proper security practices for a period of 49 days, and 17 months of uncertainty.

The result was that visitors were not normally subject to a rub-down search until specific instructions were issued after the breakout.

☐ Visits:

The general visits areas were covered by closed circuit television (CCTV) but not the individual rooms. During visits, officers should have monitored events. Originally it was envisaged that one officer would be in the visits room but this was changed to being immediately outside the rooms. In fact, they normally sat together at the end of the main areas, rather than looking into the rooms or moving around. Unrestricted access had been allowed to the same toilet for inmates and visitors without subsequent checks. At the end of visits the inmate was allowed to take various items away from the room, unchecked.

The string of concessions to inmates had combined to produce a sense of resignation among SSU staff, a feeling that it was not worth confronting any abuses.

Security regarding visits was found to be unbelievably lax. Almost none of the officially designated security procedures were in use and officers no longer seemed even to consider that items might be smuggled in or out through visits.

In December 1990 a local farmer found four plans of the SSU by the roadside. A further seven plans were also handed into police and a subsequent police search of the same area revealed a further fifteen. A further copy of a Whitemoor SSU plan came to light in November 1994 in King's Lynn, Norfolk. A four-year-old girl had been given the plan at her nursery school as scrap paper to paint on.

☐ Security in the SSU:

The sterile area was not covered by cameras which included the outside windows of the hobbies and TV rooms where the escape equipment was almost certainly kept immediately before the escape. Many of the staff saw CCTV as an aid to safety for officers: some failed to recognise that they should have been using them to supervise and monitor inmates.

Officers reported that, in response to being spied upon, inmates played up to the cameras.

There was an absence of staff in the exercise yard. Officers reported that they had not felt welcome in the yard and the practice had come to rely on the cameras for surveillance. The CCTV became a poor replacement for staff patrolling.

The tendency of staff to refrain from moving cameras also illustrates the intimidation exercised by the inmates. It is difficult to believe that vigilance and surveillance could have reached lower standards that were exhibited on the day of the escape: the pity is that this would appear to have been the norm, the report said.

One officer described the position as: "Usually around 8pm each evening in the SSU the staff are clock-watching, waiting to go off-duty so they are finishing their game of cards, Scrabble or pool."

Fugitives' possessions filled two wheelbarrows

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE array of equipment gathered together by the escapers was extensive and bulky, even in its most compact form it would have filled two wheelbarrows.

Since the escape a thorough search of the unit found Semtex, fuses, detonators, a hacksaw, £10 in cash, knives, razor blades, a bar of soap, four metal hooks, five maps/sketches of prisons, and a screwdriver.

There were only two places where personal property should have been located, according to official guidelines: with the inmate in his cell, or in storage.

Whitemoor, as a dispersal prison, had adopted the standard dispersal prison privileges list. There are 135 separately listed items deemed acceptable, ranging from cooking utensils and pullovers (two) to greeting cards (non padded).

The inquiry found that prisoners at Whitemoor had extended still further the range and quantity of things in their possession. Property had filled unoccupied cells, in particular in the segregation area, and literally dozens of transit boxes of possessions spilt over into corridors and communal areas. This even included a bicycle belonging to an inmate.

One prisoner had 23 boxes of property containing 330 items including a Dior bath towel, Givenchy shampoo sachets, a Lacosté polo shirt and Givenchy toilet water.

The hobbies room was particularly jumbled and one of the staff described it as an Aladdin's cave of equipment.

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Searches could not be more than cursory. One officer explained to the inquiry team that regular cell searches took less than 10-15 minutes each.

To illustrate the enormity of the task faced by prison officers, it took the police carrying out the criminal investigation four days to search and log just one inmate's property.

The inquiry found corroborated evidence that searches were logged for performance measurement statistics, without any actual search taking place. With the mass of property and equipment, it would have been a simple matter for the escapers to secrete all the items used on the night, or at least the base materials, for later retrieval.

The inquiry team expected that property cards would identify property when it had been moved. It quickly became clear that the records were so inconsistent that this was not likely to be achieved.

It became clear to the investigation from the discovery of the Semtex that sorted property had been used by prisoners to hide unauthorised items. The haphazard way in which prisoners' property had been dealt with historically owed much to the sheer quantities involved. Few officers expressed any confidence to the investigators that records represented an accurate reflection of what any one inmate owned.

Like so many other aspects of procedures at Whitemoor, the security issues involved in the handling of property appeared to have been almost totally forgotten, the inquiry team said.

Ministers seldom jump before they are pushed

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Michael Howard's decision not to resign as Home Secretary over the Whitemoor affair is in line with the recent behaviour of ministers over similar allegations of operational failures by public officials.

Several ministers previously concerned with prison or security matters have taken the same view, dating back to Lord Jenkins of Hillhead over the George Blake escape in 1966, Lord Whitelaw in 1982 after an intruder broke into the Queen's bedroom, Lord Prior in 1983 after the escape of 38 prisoners from the Maze prison in 1983, and Kenneth Baker in 1991-92 after an escape from Brixton prison. In some cases, the ministers offered their resignation, but it was refused by the Prime Minister of the day.

This doctrine, and the Prior case cited by Mr Howard, is based on the distinction between policy and operations: whether the incident resulted directly from the policy of a minister or a minister's failure to implement specific recommendations that could have averted the incident. The Cabinet Office has said ministerial responsibility "does not mean that ministers must take all decisions, or take the blame for wrong decisions of their subordinates of which they know nothing, or could be expected to know nothing".

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, claimed that Mr Howard did know, or should have known, of the worries authoritatively expressed about security at Whitemoor before the breakout, and that his policies directly contributed to the security lapses.



Jenkins: survived the Blake scandal in 1966

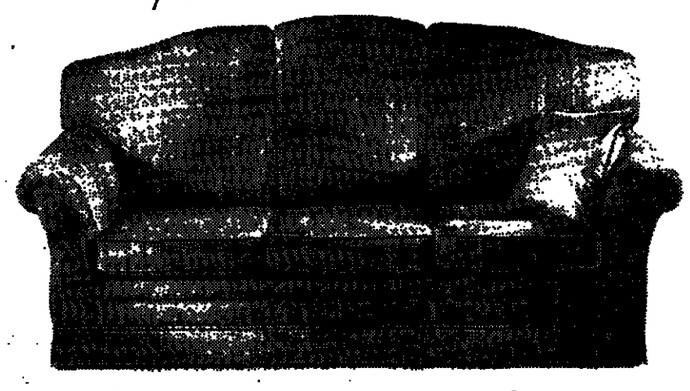
Few ministers resign because of their conduct in office. Most leave because of charges of misbehaviour in their private lives, such as Tim Yeo last January, or because of disagreements over policy, such as Lords Lawson and Howe in 1989 and 1990. Even in those cases where ministers resign because of their actions in office, there is no absolute guide. In most cases, the trigger is that they lose the confidence of backbenchers, as happened when Sir Leon Brittan resigned in January 1986 over the Westland affair.

An absence of support among fellow Tory MPs was the real reason Sir Thomas Dugdale resigned as Minister of Agriculture in 1954 over the actions of his officials in the Crichel Down affair. It is a widespread myth that the Dugdale resignation was a vindication of the pure doctrine of a minister taking responsibility for the acts of all his officials, however junior and even if he did not know of their actions.

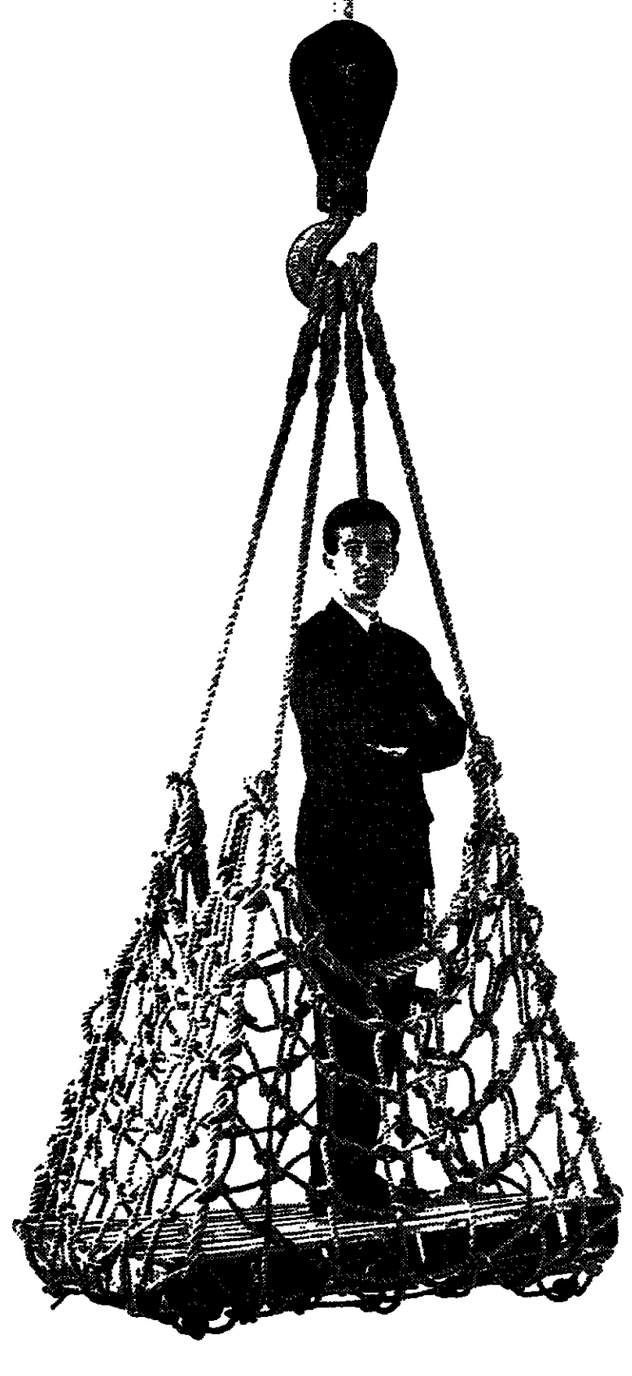
But private papers published after Sir Thomas's death have made clear that he resigned because of backbench criticism. That was also crucial when Lord Carrington resigned as Foreign Secretary, with two other officials, over the Argentinian invasion of the Falklands in 1982.

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Heathrow's owners say Terminal 5 will save jobs

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIRLINE passengers will face higher air fares and fewer services unless approval is given to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow airport, it was claimed yesterday.

Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA, said that without Terminal 5 airlines would move to Europe to expand, the British air transport industry would become less competitive and 16,500 jobs would be lost. Fares would rise as airlines cut out the cheaper and less popular routes to concentrate on the high-cost "premium" services.

The arguments are part of a 300-page "statement of case" that BAA, which owns and operates Heathrow, will present to a public inquiry opening on May 16. It is expected to be one of the most controversial and bitterly contested planning inquiries held in Britain with protest groups determined to fight BAA over every detail.

Yesterday, however, Sir John was confident of eventual success. "We publish our case with pride," he said, describing the fifth terminal as the most efficient and environment friendly way of meeting the needs of the economy and the travelling public.

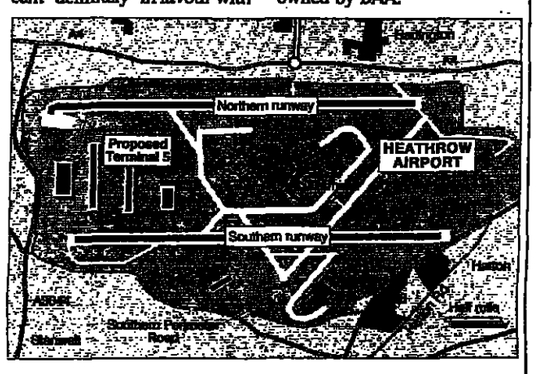
Residents are opposing the plan on the grounds that it will increase aircraft noise, road traffic and pollution. But BAA says that most people living within five miles of the airport want the terminal, quoting a recent survey showing 36 per cent "definitely" in favour with 28 per cent "definitely" against it. The proportion in favour rose to 51 per cent if assured that there would be better transport links but no third runway or widening of the M25 to 14 lanes.

Another survey, however, shows that more than half the public oppose the new terminal. Of 1,000 people question by the London borough of Hounslow, which includes part of Heathrow, 55 per cent were against the terminal with 34 per cent in favour and 11 per cent undecided.

This year more than 77 million passengers will use one of the four southeast airports, 51 million of them flying from Heathrow. By 2016 total demand to use these airports is forecast to grow to 165 million, with the airports becoming unable to cope after 2002.

BAA has ruled out the building of a third runway at Heathrow and maintains that there is no need for the M25 to be widened to 14 lanes as was originally planned. Instead it is concentrating on winning the battle for the fifth terminal, which would be built within the airport perimeter on land now used as a sewage farm. BAA says that if the plan is not approved pressure will grow for the building of another runway elsewhere in the South East.

The fifth terminal, designed by Sir Richard Rogers, would mean the demolition of 15 houses, nine of which are owned by BAA.



A family separated by war is reunited

BY ANJANA AHUJA

FOR more than fifty years, 74-year-old Ksenija Szwec did not know if any of her family was still alive.

Born in the part of Poland which was later incorporated into the Ukraine, she was deported to Germany during the Nazi occupation to work in a munitions factory. In 1948 Mrs Szwec came to Britain as a displaced person, settling in Dundee where she married and raised three children. For years she tried to regain contact with her family in the Soviet Union. In October 1991, despair turned to hope.

"I had written letters to my family's town but with no luck. I thought I would try again after the Soviet Union collapsed," said Mrs Szwec, a retired hospital cleaner.

She approached the British Red Cross for help. They contacted the Ukrainian Red Cross but to no avail. One year later, the British Red Cross was informed that one of Mrs Szwec's three sisters had contacted the International Tracing Service in Geneva.

Half a century after her family was separated, the British Red Cross was able to match Mrs Szwec's information with that given by her younger sister, Stefka Wykowycz. Mrs Szwec learnt that her three sisters and one brother were still in Ukraine. The family had moved hundreds of miles from its original home.

"I was so happy. I had always dreamt about meeting them," Mrs Szwec said. "I am still amazed I found them. All the time I was trying I did not even know whether they were still alive."

Last year Mrs Szwec's husband, son and daughter-in-law flew to Ukraine to meet her relatives, but she was unable to travel because of ill-health. Her husband brought back photographs and film footage, and Mrs Szwec hopes to make the journey next spring.

The International Tracing and Message Service has operated since the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 to reunite or maintain contact between families separated by wars, political upheaval or natural disaster. Red Cross messages can be relayed where normal communications have been cut, for example in refugee camps or war zones. The confidential tracing is carried out through the global network of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

More than 2,500 tracing inquiries were handled and nearly 13,000 messages issued last year. There is no charge although donations are welcomed.



Ksenija Szwec, left, and, in Ukraine, the family from whom she was separated fifty years ago: her sisters, great-niece, niece and niece's husband

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Poor sight is sign of a good surgeon

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

PEOPLE about to undergo keyhole surgery should pick a short-sighted surgeon who has done at least 100 similar operations, research presented yesterday at the London Conference of the British Psychological Society suggests.

Dr Tony Gallagher of Queen's University, Belfast, said that surgeons with more than 100 operations behind them reported significantly fewer difficulties, and that those with slight sight impairment did better still.

Dr Gallagher suggested two possible explanations. "Surgeons with sight impairment may be more used to dealing with degraded images, so find it less difficult to adjust to operating from images on a TV screen. Alternatively, they may operate more slowly and carefully because they are aware of their impairment."

The evidence from America is that more than 90 per cent of difficulties in keyhole surgery for gall bladders occur in a surgeon's first ten operations. "Keyhole surgery is extremely difficult to begin with," Dr Gallagher said.

Springsteen silences sounds of the 70s

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE rock musician Bruce Springsteen won a legal dispute yesterday over the release of a double album and CD of 1970s numbers, many of which have never been heard.

He was scheduled to take the record company Dare International to the High Court in London next year for a full hearing over its right to release the record *Prodigal Son*. But Mr Justice Jacob was told yesterday by Richard Spearman, Springsteen's counsel, that the dispute had been settled.

Mr Spearman said that Dare, headed by Gavin Dare, and based in Castle Street, Hertford, had given undertakings not to release the record. It agreed earlier this year not to release it pending yesterday's hearing.

Dare had also agreed to surrender master tapes and other relevant material. Tracks on *Prodigal Son* were said to have been taken from more than 40 made in 1971 in a studio in his native New Jersey. Springsteen said they were of poor quality and made in less than professional circumstances.

Laughter lines fetch £4,800 for chauffeur

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

FRANKIE HOWERD'S collection of 1,000 scripts, saved from a skip by his driver after the comic's death in 1992, sold for £4,830 at Bonhams in London yesterday.

The scripts included classics such as *Up Pompeii!*, with Ludicrous Sextus and The High Priestess Erotica among its characters, and the *Carry On* films in which he starred. Dating back to 1953, they included all his radio shows for the BBC and Variety shows, and lines that made audiences laugh without them knowing why: "Ah yes... Well... No, lis-sen!... No, don't laugh ... titter ye not... it's wicked to mock the afflicted ..."

The scripts, many written by Eric Sykes, were bought by an agent representing an anonymous private collector. They will remain in Britain.

In the same sale, Stan Laurel's black bowler hat, which he signed and inscribed with the words "Thanks Harry", sold for £2,300. Laurel gave it to Harry Brown, a stage doorman at West End theatres from 1930 to 1960.



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Chechens beg for help as Russians press home attack

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GROZNY AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN ground forces last night closed in on two villages near the Chechen capital, Grozny, in the heaviest fighting witnessed since Russian forces entered the breakaway republic ten days ago.

At nightfall, Chechen fighters were still holding the burning village of Dolinskoye, 20 miles northwest of the capital, but appeared to be on the retreat after coming under intense fire from tanks and small arms at Petropavlovsk, only eight miles northeast of Grozny.

In the first sign that the regime of General Dzhokhar Dudayev could be facing a Russian advance on the capital, the commander of Chechen armed forces made an impassioned appeal for other Caucasus nations to go to Chechenia's aid.

"I call on the people of the entire Caucasus region to rise up and repel the aggressor," said Colonel Aslan Maskhadov, in an address that was broadcast on Chechen television.

The authorities in Grozny gave a warning that unless Russia pulled all its forces out of their republic by midnight tomorrow, Moscow would face a mass uprising across its northern Caucasus territory. Up to yesterday, when final attempts at restarting negotiations between Moscow and Grozny collapsed, Russian forces in Chechenia had generally avoided head-on attacks on Chechen positions, relying instead on shelling and air bombardments.

Now, however, it seems that Russia may finally be carrying out its threat to take on Chechen forces directly and nudge its way into Grozny, where at least a third of the city's 400,000 population are living in makeshift shelters.

The Russian assault coincided with a meeting in Moscow called by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, with senior defence and security chiefs, which decided to step up the attack and seal off the city by today.

According to one report, the Kremlin leaders had agreed to "intensify actions to eliminate and disarm illegal armed groups, while ensuring the safety of servicemen and Chechenia's peaceful population".

Although Russia's threatened big air offensive has still not materialised, warplanes are now bombing selected targets in Grozny, albeit with little accuracy. Bombs apparently intended for General Dudayev's residence, the television tower, and an electricity generating plant all missed. Nevertheless, casualties are mounting. Some of the bombs fell in the residential area of Oktyabrski: two civilians were killed and one was wounded. Six Chechen civilians were also reported killed and two wounded yesterday when their minibus was fired on by a Russian helicopter gunship as they fled Dolinskoye.

For Russian forces in Chechenia, it has been an open question of whether they are strong enough to capture or surround Grozny, which used to have a population of almost 400,000.

The western column is reportedly still refusing to obey orders to advance. The northern column has been estimated at fewer than 10,000 men.

However, it appears that the Kremlin has decided to send in reinforcements from units which may prove more willing to take on the Chechen irregulars.

Many commanders currently on the ground have expressed dissatisfaction with the operation, and vowed not to use tanks in areas where civilians could be harmed.

Lieutenant-General Valeri Vostrokin, a deputy minister for emergencies, complained yesterday that being a policeman on Russian territory was "not a good job for the military".

According to one report, the Russians are planning to send in thousands of reinforcements, including marines from the Black Sea Fleet in the Crimea and elite battalions from military districts in the Volga, Siberia and the Urals, including special forces.

The threat of escalation could have a serious impact well beyond the borders of Chechenia. Officials reported yesterday that tens of thousands of Chechens had fled into neighbouring regions where they were being housed in temporary refugee camps. Across the northern Caucasus, volunteers are also coming forward to help the Chechens resist the Russians.

In Moscow, the authorities reacted to the intensified fighting around Grozny by increasing the number of police and security forces on the street to counter the threat of reprisal attacks by Chechens in the Russian capital. For the first time in more than a year, armoured personnel carriers and heavily armed troops were manning checkpoints on main highways into Moscow and around buildings that could be targets for reprisals by Chechens.

Nikolai Smirnov, Moscow's military commandant, said several thousand troops had been drafted into the capital to support the police and to help to guard airports, railway stations and markets.

Meanwhile, President Aushev of the Russian republic of Ingushetia, which borders Chechenia, announced yesterday he had ordered a criminal investigation into the killing of nine Chechen refugees. Investigators say that Russian soldiers in armoured vehicles attacked cars carrying refugees from Chechenia to Ingushetia on Saturday.

The soldiers apparently chased and killed wounded refugees who were trying to escape. A Russian soldier also died in the attack.



Volunteers muster in Grozny's main square to defend the capital. A third of the city's residents are now living in makeshift shelters

Bulgaria's old red guard follows Eastern comrades back to power

BY TIM JUDAH, BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bulgarian Socialist Party has won the country's general election and is expected to hold a majority of seats in parliament.

With 95 per cent of the ballots cast on Sunday counted, the Socialists had secured 44 per cent of the vote, with 24 per cent going to its main rival, the Union of Democratic Forces (UDF). This follows the return to power of former communist parties in Poland, Hungary and Lithuania.

The Socialists had been expected to win the majority of the votes but opinion polls had not predicted such a wide margin. "The trends that have appeared in the rest of Eastern Europe are repeating themselves in Bulgaria," said Filip Dimitrov, the leader of the fiercly anti-communist UDF. "Our hope of breaking this series of returns to power has been disappointed." At least three small centrist parties will be represented in parliament. One is the Movement for Rights and Freedoms, which represents the interests of the ethnic Turkish minority. Another is the Bulgarian Business Block, led by Georgi Ganchev, the eccentric former emigré, who claims that he was once a fencing master at Eton.



Dimitrov: beaten by former communists

Seventy-five per cent of the electorate voted in the third poll since the fall of communism in 1989. In 1990, the Socialists won power during the first free elections but were later toppled by massive street protests and strikes. Although it seemed yesterday that the party would clinch 125 seats in the 240-member parliament, it was likely to look for coalition partners.

The Socialists face a formidable challenge in fulfilling their election promises. The latest unemployment figure was 20.5 per cent, and inflation is expected to top 120 per cent by the end of the year. As in Hungary and Poland, the former communists say that they are now akin to Western European socialist parties and that, in the period of transition from communism, more attention needs to be paid to the social needs of workers and the elderly.

Sceptics think that Zhan Videnov, the 35-year-old Socialist leader and probably the country's next Prime Minister, may have promised far more than he can deliver.

Four years of weak government have meant that very little privatisation has taken place, but much of the economy is run by men believed to have been senior intelligence agents under the communist regime. These men are believed to be making fortunes by asset-stripping state enterprises. However, as they are linked with the Socialists it is even less likely now that such corruption will be tackled. Meanwhile, the mass of Bulgarians face being pushed deeper into poverty.



SILVIO Berlusconi, above, fought desperately yesterday to save his Government from collapse as his erstwhile ally Umberto Bossi, the Northern League leader, joined the opposition in tabling a barrage of no-confidence motions against the Prime Minister (John Phillips writes). The stage is set for the seven-month-old coalition to fall by Christmas as Signor Berlusconi is to address parliament tomorrow and faces three votes of no-confidence that were tabled yesterday.

Britain denies 'dirty tricks' aimed at Gibraltar leader

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AS BRITAIN and Spain began crucial talks on the growing confrontation over Gibraltar, the Foreign Office yesterday angrily denied that it was attempting to undermine the Government of Joe Bossano, the Chief Minister.

A spokesman yesterday dismissed as "nonsense" reports emanating from Gibraltar that the Foreign Office had mounted a "dirty tricks" campaign to seek evidence of involvement in money laundering by Gibraltarian ministers. "We have no evidence of links involving the Gibraltar Government with drugs or money-laundering," a spokesman said. "If anyone has such evidence they should present it to the police."

However, a spokesman for the Gibraltar Government in London yesterday repeated the accusations and accused Britain and Spain of "wielding a big stick" against the colony while denying it any say in the talks to decide its fate.

Underlining the seriousness of these talks, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday went out of his way to offer hospitality to Javier Solana, the visiting Spanish Foreign Minister. The two travelled back from Brussels on Mr Hurd's plane, and Señor Solana was then invited to dinner and to stay the night at Chevening, Mr Hurd's official residence.

Despite the cordial atmosphere, however, there will be some sharp exchanges at the formal talks on Gibraltar this morning. Mr Hurd will demand an immediate end to the intrusive searches and border controls imposed by Spanish police on all those crossing the Gibraltar frontier. Señor Solana, under strong pressure from the opposition in Spain, is expected to demand tangible progress in discussions of Gibraltar's sovereignty. There has been no softening of Britain's position.

The Foreign Office has been angered by what it sees as the unhelpful accusations against Britain by Mr Bossano and Gibraltar ministers. Officials yesterday accused the colony of dragging its feet in implementing European Union directives on drugs and money-laundering, among others. Britain was demanding the swift implementation of "good government" but officials refused to speculate on sanctions that might be invoked if Mr Bossano did not comply. Under the reserve powers laid down in the 1969 constitution, Britain could enforce direct rule.

Gibraltar yesterday vehemently denied any official links to money laundering or tolerance of drug running, describing such claims as "propaganda attacks".

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Party don jailed for report on Deng grovelling to Mao

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

A MEMBER of the Chinese Communist Party has been sentenced to two years in prison for revealing a state secret: a grovelling letter that Deng Xiaoping wrote to Mao Tse-tung. The letter has been known about for years.

The sentence follows penalties imposed last week, which ranged up to 20 years' imprisonment, on nine dissidents charged with circulating "counter-revolutionary leaflets" in 1992 to commemorate the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations three years earlier.

Yu Xiguang, 37, who spent a year in jail awaiting trial, is the latest to be condemned, for publishing a book containing the letter. He is a lecturer in the Central Committee's Party School, an elite institution that does research on party history and ideology.

Mr Deng wrote the letter to Mao, probably in late 1972, when he was seeking a pardon from his Cultural Revolution exile in southern China where he had lived since 1969.

In the letter, written at the suggestion of Chou En-lai, the Premier, who needed Mr Deng's help in maintaining a semblance of order during the years of chaos, Mr Deng praised the Cultural Revolution, admitted his mistakes, and disavowed his famous remark, regarded as heresy by Chairman Mao, that a cat's colour did not matter if it caught mice: a slightly veiled reference to the importance of economic progress, regardless of ideology.

Mr Deng had written an earlier grovelling letter in 1966 and was to write others, always describing himself as an unworthy Maoist.

He attacked other senior colleagues at the beginning of the Cultural Revolution, whom he rehabilitated after his own return to power in the late 1970s, and advised his children to save themselves by attacking him. All of this was normal in the Mao years, during which Mr Deng was sometimes a persecutor and sometimes a victim.

What makes such things "state secrets" is that they have not been officially published in China, where anything is deemed a state secret until specified not to be.

During the current semi-deification of Mr Deng, the country's senior leader, nothing negative, no matter how anodyne or understandable, can be stated openly.

Mr Deng's early history in the party must also be burnished at the expense of fact. Last week a celebration was held in the southern province of Guangxi, where in 1929 a



Deng: sought pardon from southern exile

communist uprising briefly succeeded. According to the official hagiography, "the uprising was led by senior leader Deng Xiaoping".

There is no evidence, however, that Mr Deng was present. In 1930-31 he joined the struggle in Guangxi and eventually his force was defeated. Mr Deng fled. Party documents held him responsible for the disaster, and it has remained a dark period in his career.

The recent arrests of dissident pamphleteers and the too-honest historian show that the party continues to insist that only it can interpret the past, whether it is recent or remote.

The Tiananmen Square crackdown remains the most delicate and dangerous current question, and the answer remains simple: what happened in 1989 was a counter-revolutionary uprising by a few malcontents, aided and abetted by well-known enemies abroad, many of them in Hong Kong.

Similarly, the history of the party, which is actually one of factionalism, purge, counter-purge, and policy reversals, must be presented as a tale of heroism, sacrifice and optimism despite internal and external subversions by a sleepless enemy.

There is even a formula for dealing with occasional errors. This has been laid down by Mr Deng himself to explain cataclysms such as the Cultural Revolution.

One tract says: "The Central Committee made mistakes which it already corrected itself years ago. Nobody should use this as a pretext to resist the Central Committee's leadership."

Men such as Yu, found guilty of going against the party line, will be given many of Mr Deng's injunctions to read. Another of them will now become especially clear to Yu: "If a party allows its members to air opinions freely and act as they wish, it is of course impossible for the party to achieve unity in thinking, to have fighting capabilities, and to smoothly carry out its tasks."



Chinese soldiers inspecting an electronic timer that was installed in Tiananmen Square, Peking, yesterday to count down the days, hours and minutes until Hong Kong returns to mainland rule. The digital clock began

Hong Kong countdown starts

on 925, the number of days remaining until Britain hands back the colony to China at midnight on June 30, 1997. It also showed the number of seconds — almost 80 million — left before the lease on Hong Kong runs out. A former Nationalist general, Cheng Siyuan, and other officials cut a red ribbon to uncover the face of the huge timer, in a ceremony a day after the tenth anniversary of the Joint Declaration between London and Peking governing Hong Kong's handover. *(Reuter)*

UN inquiry condemns Indonesia massacre in East Timor

BY DAVID WATTS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A UNITED NATIONS rapporteur investigating a massacre of East Timorese has delivered a devastating indictment of the Indonesian Government for carrying out "a planned military operation" against unarmed civilians.

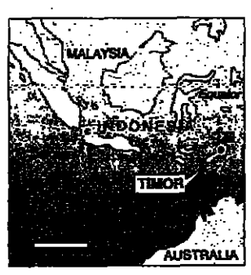
Bacre Waly Ndiaye was investigating the killings at Santa Cruz cemetery in Dili in November 1991. Indonesia claimed that 19 people were killed when security forces attacked civilians taking refuge in the cemetery after an anti-government demonstration was broken up. Other sources say that up to 270 were killed. The rapporteur also criticises the authorities for failing to carry out an independent investigation.

The UN report says: "The security forces proceeded in a planned military operation against unarmed civilians manifesting political dissent, in clear breach of the international standards limiting the use of force and firearms by law enforcement officials. The security forces employed their arms in a way that was neither necessary nor proportionate. The steps taken by the Indonesian authorities in the aftermath of the killings revealed a number of shortcomings. Investigations carried out by the police, which is part of the armed forces, lacked independence, impartiality and professionalism."

The report adds: "A commission of inquiry set up to investigate the killings was not totally independent either. Furthermore, interviews with eyewitnesses were not conducted confidentially."

The rapporteur also criticises Jakarta because few military personnel were ever brought to trial and none was charged with the killings, while East Timorese civilians who are the alleged victims of human rights abuses have no access to legal remedies.

As the UN report censured the Jakarta Government, the influential bishop of East Timor said that Indonesia's 18-year rule over the former Portuguese colony was the "most flagrant experience". In his Christmas message, Mgr Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo told his people to unite because "division tends to be our king. He wants to enslave the soul." The reference was



apparently to differences among East Timorese, some of whom are fighting for independence for the remote half-island that Jakarta annexed in 1976 after a civil war broke out in 1974. Portugal withdrew in 1975. Spearheaded by a weak guerrilla group, the pro-independence movement has little popular support. Besides, many people in the region want to be part of Indonesia. The bishop, a frequent critic of Jakarta's rule, has often tried for reconciliation with the Indonesian authorities, proposing limited autonomy for the region, but has been brushed off.

"People of Timor, do consider your dignity. Do live in unity, do make peace, and do work for the general well-being," the bishop said. The world knew about the divisions among East Timorese. He said such splits were not a blessing but rather wounds and sins in the people's social and religious life.

East Timor is the only Christian-dominated region in the vast archipelago nation of 185 million people, most of whom are Muslim.

Luck runs out for swami 'tricksters'

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S *swamis*, unofficial spiritual advisers to the rich and famous, have had a bad year. Swami Premananda has been arrested for allegedly running an ashram of sex slaves, while Swami Keshavananda is being held on charges of raping 100 young girls. Others are viewed with deepening suspicion because of their influence over politicians.

Last year five students were shot dead in mysterious circumstances at the ashram of Sai Baba in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. Police have closed the case. Sada Chari, who was consulted by at least three prime ministers including Indira Gandhi, has been charged with running a brothel in Delhi.

Despite such scandals it is common to see the nation's most powerful politicians, businessmen and bureaucrats bend the knee to the 3,000 hairy mystics who perform seemingly incredible feats, which cynics claim are mere illusions. Swami Premananda, for example, would gyrate on stage at his ashram in the southern state of Tamil Nadu while his Adam's apple bulged and jerked, until he belched up a statuette of the god Shiva. There would be gasps of wonder and the money would roll in.

The Indian Rationalist Association, a humanist group, launched a nationwide campaign this month in which it claims that swamis are rogues and conjurers. "They all have 20 to 25 major tricks that they perform in front of gullible audiences," said Sanal Edamaruku, the association's secretary-general. "We are showing people how these tricks are performed. We are getting a tremendous response," he said.

The spiritual advisers flourish because Hinduism has no formal clergy. Local *pujaris* who perform *pujas* (prayer ceremonies) at temples are not allowed to offer guidance, and freelance swamis fill the gap.

P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, regularly consults swamis and astrologers. They have arguably advised him well, since he has remained in office for three-and-a-half years in defiance of all earthly predictions.

Mr Rao has long been a disciple of Sai Baba, who ranks as the most influential among the 30 or 40 top swamis and who grew to fame by producing "holy ash" from the palm of his hand — something most amateur magicians could do.

The Prime Minister attended Sai Baba's 69th birthday last month and greeted him by touching his feet, the ultimate gesture of obeisance. T. N. Seshan, the Chief Election Commissioner, who also paid his respects, observed that India was run by two forces: Mr Rao and Sai Baba.

The most exotic ashram is the Osho commune in Pune, near Bombay, which follows the teachings of Rajneesh, who owned a fleet of Rolls-Royces and who is referred to in the present tense even though he died years ago.

He supposedly still talks to his disciples, who include many foreigners dressed in robes and sandals. Feuds among the hierarchy have sullied a carefully crafted image of piety and gentility.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Korean leader 'in need of transplant'

Seoul: Kim Jong Il, the North Korean leader, has a chronic kidney disorder and needs a transplant, a South Korean newspaper said.

The disease, coupled with heart and liver problems, prevented 52-year-old Kim, son of the late President Kim Il Sung, from formally taking over the leadership, the *Chosun Ilbo* said. *(AFP)*

Cleaver attack

Dhaka: Eight people with meat cleavers killed Ashrafuddin Ashraf, an opposition Awami League activist, in the Bangladeshi capital as he walked home after a party meeting, police said. *(AP)*

Tutsis killed

Bujumbura: Suspected Hutu extremists in army uniforms killed eight people, almost all Tutsis, in a suburb of the Burundian capital, cutting the head off one and tearing out his heart. *(Reuter)*

Burma battle

Bangkok: Troops and dissident students fought each other with automatic weapons and mortars in east Burma as about 1,000 ethnic Karens were sent to reinforce insurgent guerrillas. *(AFP)*

False profit

Cairo: A woman posed for 15 years as a village shaikh who performed miracles for money before being unmasked and arrested, the Egyptian government daily *al-Gomhouriya* said. *(AFP)*

Poachers to die

Peking: Five Chinese men, including two police officers, have been sentenced to death for killing 16 endangered elephants. They smuggled 11 pairs of tusks, weighing 405lbs, out of China. *(Reuter)*

Kashmir blast

Srinagar: A dozen homes were destroyed by a huge blast in the Kashmiri capital. Police sources blamed the explosion, in which nobody was hurt, on a rocket attack by separatist guerillas. *(AFP)*

Lovers' leap

Peking: Marriages between Chinese and foreigners have risen by an average of 22 per cent a year here since 1982, with most wedding for love and not for money, the Xinhua news agency said. *(Reuter)*

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Mission by former President threatens to undermine US-Europe policy on Bosnia

Carter says Serbs are misunderstood

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND GEORGE BROCK IN THE HAGUE

JIMMY CARTER, the former American President, lauded the Bosnian Serb commitment to peace yesterday and suggested that the international community's condemnation of them may be misplaced.

It is unclear whether or not Mr Carter's trip is an experiment by the US Administration with a new tack in apparently stalled internationally-led negotiations. Mr Carter and White House officials insist he is on a private visit.

In either case, Mr Carter's statement yesterday before meeting the Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, flies in the face of current American and European policy. The latter hinges on the "Contact Group" peace plan that the Serbs continue to reject. The Bosnian Government, with whom Mr Carter's meetings reportedly went badly, signed the plan in July.

"It may be that today is one of the rare chances to let the world know the truth and to explain the commitment of Serbs to a peace agreement." Mr Carter said in a brief press statement with Dr Karadzic before yesterday's talks. The meetings were being held in the self-declared Bosnian Serb capital of Pale, a small mountain town 30 miles east of the republic's capital, besieged by rebel troops. Sniping and exchanges of fire across front line continued during the talks.

When Dr Karadzic said the Bosnian Serbs had been wrongly fingered as culprits in the two-and-a-half-year war, the American mediator responded: "I can't dispute your statement that [the American people] have primarily heard one side of the story."

Mr Carter's venture is being sharply criticised by locally-based UN officials and Western diplomats. They say that Mr Carter, who was briefed for the trip by American Serbs, has shown an utter lack of knowledge about the conflict and is likely to undermine peace efforts.

Earlier this year Mr Carter appeared to have played key roles in averting conflicts involving America, North Korea and Haiti. In Bosnia, however, observers say he appears to have been taken in by the Serbs.

"The Bosnian Serbs are the aggressors in this war," Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman, said in response to Mr Carter's stance. "I think the American people have had an opportunity to see what's happening on the ground there and to see both sides of the story."

Despite Serb pledges to the contary, Serb fighters continue to prohibit aid flights from landing at Sarajevo's airport. They have also refused to end their attack on the Bihac "safe area" and are continuing to blockade UN peacekeeping troops in five out of six such areas.

In northwestern Bosnia, the UN reported that Serb troops fired two tank shells and an artillery round into Bihac in defiance of a Nato airstrike threat yesterday. The Serbs are also blocking the delivery of medical supplies desperately needed by Bangladeshi UN troops who are already suffering the effects of a Serb embargo on resupply convoys. British soldiers in the eastern enclave of Gorazde have no fuel for their vehicles and they power their satellite communications equipment by pedaling foot-cranked generators.

The International Committee of the Red Cross in Sarajevo reported that the Serbs expelled more Muslims from a town in northeastern Bosnia in recent days. In talks in The Hague yesterday, American proposals that Nato commanders be given a free hand to destroy Serbian anti-aircraft missiles unless they are moved from Sarajevo airport were discussed by the military leaders of nations with troops in Bosnia.

The meeting, which continues today, was hastily summoned last week to discuss improving the effectiveness and morale of the 23,000-strong UN force in Bosnia. The American Government confirmed last week that it wanted changes to the "rules of engagement" under which pilots and soldiers can open fire. Most military action in Bosnia requires permission from both the UN and Nato. The "dual key" arrangement has provoked frequent rows between the organisations.

☐ **Chalker visit:** Lynda Chalker, the Minister for Overseas Development, today leaves for Mostar, the former Bosnian tourist resort that has become a symbol of the worst excesses of the Balkan war (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). Baroness Chalker will inspect British-funded projects aimed at easing life for Mostar's traumatised citizens. She will then travel along one of the most dangerous stretches of road in Bosnia to Sarajevo, where she will hold talks with the Muslim-led Bosnian Government and Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy to the former Yugoslavia.



Radovan Karadzic greets former President Carter before their talks at Pale yesterday. Mr Carter's wife, background, accompanied her husband

Slovakia frightens off investors

BY ADAM LEBOR

SLOVAKIA appears poised to slide back into authoritarianism with the return to power of Vladimir Meciar, its nationalist Prime Minister, who is supported in a new coalition Government by radicals of both the Left and the Right.

Barely had Mr Meciar formed his Government, composed of his Movement for a Democratic Slovakia in alliance with the far-right Slovak National Party and the far-left Workers' Party, than he announced the delay of a £1 billion privatisation programme. Three million Slovaks had registered for the scheme to buy vouchers for a nominal price and use them to bid for shares in state enterprises.

Mr Meciar said he would not kill the programme, merely suspend it. "Once we review (the properties) involved in it, we will start it. It will be suspended until what has to be solved is solved and until all ambiguities are cleared up," he announced. The new coalition may be split between Left, Right and Centre, but many share an old-style, Moscow-inspired suspicion of foreign capital and a market economy.



Meciar: delayed plan for privatisation

The cancellation will reawaken doubts in the West about Slovakia's commitment to a free market and will put a further brake on foreign investment, which already lags far behind its neighbours, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Mr Meciar has attempted to reassure the international community of his Government's commitment to Nato and European Union membership, but his coalition partners could prove problematic. The Workers' Party is opposed to Nato membership and the Slovak National Party is virulently anti-Hungarian. A voting bloc of the three parties last month set the tone for the Government by blocking the privatisation of about 50 companies which had been approved by the centrist coalition that took power after Mr Meciar was ousted in a parliamentary coup last March. Many forward-looking Slovaks feared Mr Meciar's administration was discrediting the country with the international community and delaying its integration into the European Union and Nato.

It took more than ten weeks of in-fighting to form a government after the election in which Mr Meciar's party won 35 per cent of the vote.

The coalition is now just seven votes short of the majority needed to unseat President Kovac, one of Mr Meciar's strongest opponents.



Ciller: told Athens to fear Turkish enmity

Turks fail to win EU deal on customs

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS AND ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

AMID unrelenting opposition from Greece, European Union foreign ministers yesterday failed to approve plans for a customs union with Turkey by 1996.

It is a blow to Ankara, which regards a customs union as a step towards membership of the EU. Diplomats in Brussels said that Greece also blocked a decision to release £460 million in aid to Turkey, pending progress on negotiations on Cyprus.

Relations with Turkey suffered this month when several Turkish MPs were jailed for supporting the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK). Their convictions led to protests by human rights organisations, and were condemned by the Essen EU summit and the European Parliament.

A treaty to establish a customs union with Turkey would require an absolute majority in the European Parliament, a prospect now viewed as remote. But Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, remained optimistic that an agreement could be reached at a later stage.

Athens appears to have successfully capitalised on Europe's growing criticism of Turkey's human rights performance to isolate its neighbour further. But many feel that Turkey is doing its best to shoot itself in the foot by failing to rein in a powerful nationalist lobby that is oblivious to the country's reputation abroad.

In an address to trade unionists over the weekend, Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister, appeared unrepentant at her country's record. She called on Europe to solve the problem at its own heart — Bosnia — before criticising others. In a more explicit warning to Greece, she told Athens "to trust in Turkish friendship but to fear Turkey's enmity".

The feeling yesterday among those who led negotiations for the customs union was that the new French presidency would try to twist Greece's arm to get the agreement back on track. Without a specific deadline, however, the danger was that the whole project might begin to unravel.

Spain fights British plan for fishing 'no-go' zone

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

BRITAIN and Ireland were battling in Brussels last night to protect their fishing grounds against invasion by Spanish trawlers in a dispute that threatens to block the enlargement of the European Union next month.

Spain has said it will refuse to ratify the entry of Austria, Finland and Sweden unless its fishermen are guaranteed full access to the EU's western waters from 1996, including seas from which they are now banned off Scotland, Wales, Cornwall and Ireland.

In the first round of what looked like being a lengthy bargaining session, William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, insisted that fish stocks in these "sensitive" areas must continue to be reserved largely for fishermen from the coastal states even if Spanish vessels were to be allowed in.

"We hope to achieve an amalgamation of Spain and Portugal into the system without additional controls on our fishermen," Mr Waldegrave said. "We have to develop something that protects fish stocks, that protects the rights of our fishermen." At the heart of the dispute are 92,000 square miles of water surrounding Ireland, known as the Irish Box, which includes the whole of the Irish Sea and most of the southwestern approaches and stretches as far north as Oban, Strathclyde.

The legal basis for the box lapses on December 31, 1995. Spain is demanding full access to the box area after that date for about 220 large trawlers already fishing periodically in wider waters to the west of Scotland, Ireland and France. The seas within the box are rich in hake, monkfish and megrim (a type of sole), all species in high demand in Spain, in addition to cod, haddock, whiting, mackerel, plaice, saithe and prawns.



About 6,500 British boats, most of them smaller than the Spanish ones, fish within the box.

Mr Waldegrave knows he cannot keep the Spanish out entirely but was hopeful last night that some parts of the box, especially the waters between Ireland and Wales and the Bristol Channel, would remain as "no-go" zones and that the overall volume of the Spanish catch would not be allowed to increase.

A compromise proposed by Germany, which holds the EU presidency, went some way towards the British position by suggesting that the exclusion zone should be confined to the Irish Sea and that a limited number of Spanish boats should be allowed into the rest of the box by stages. However, that seemed unlikely to satisfy Luis Atienza, the Spanish minister.

Fisheries ministers were also due to discuss a proposal to ban the use of drift nets in EU waters from the end of 1997, but were expected to postpone any decision.

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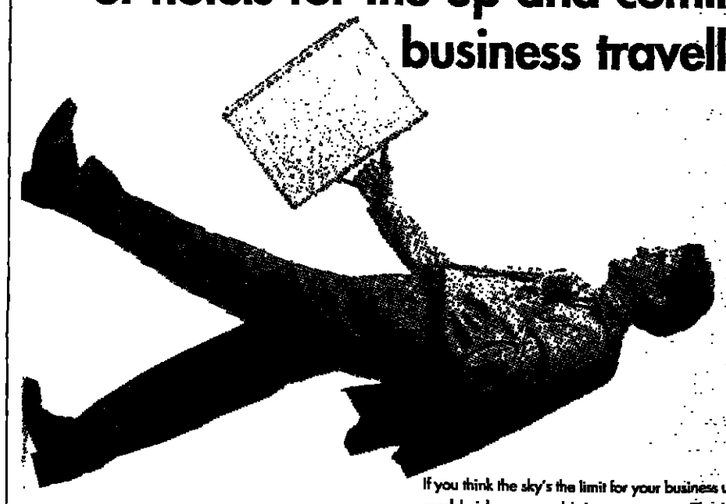
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President tries to engineer tax bonanza

Clinton unveils $24bn cuts plan

FROM TOM RHODES AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON, desperate to revive his flagging political fortunes and halt the Republican juggernaut on Capitol Hill, yesterday revealed a cost-cutting shake-up of his Administration.

Announcing $24 billion (£15.3 billion) in savings over five years from departments including energy, transport, public housing and general services, Mr Clinton said: "We will do even more to shrink yesterday's government ... to increase efforts where government can make possible advances in the lives of everyday Americans."

The President said that nearly 100,000 government jobs had been shed in the past two years and his Administration was on target to nearly treble that figure. Resurrecting a policy which had been sidelined by healthcare and welfare reform, Mr Clinton has embraced the most populist scheme of his tenure to pay for his proposed $60 billion middle-class tax cuts. At once it brought Al Gore, the Vice-President, to the heart of the battle for the American political centre and will be seen as a further sign that Hillary Clinton's star is fading.

Mr Gore first unveiled plans for the "reinvention" of government last year. Since then the programme has made quiet progress. Yesterday, it allowed the President to create the impression that his deputy had been working behind the scenes long before the electoral triumph by the Republicans last month.

The announcement overshadowed allegations by Joseph Henrickson, a pilot dismissed by a company that has provided substantial support for the First Couple, that he delivered envelopes stuffed with cash intended for Mr Clinton in the 1980s while he was Governor of Arkansas. Donald Smaltz, a special prosecutor, confirmed that he was investigating the accusations made by the former pilot for Tyson Foods Inc, the world's largest poultry producer.

David Kendall, personal lawyer for the President and Mrs Clinton, said yesterday: "I'm extremely surprised that these vague and baseless allegations are being irresponsibly bandied about. They are totally false and do not merit further comment."

The shrinking of the Washington bureaucracy is thought to be the best hope of competing against the Republicans in pledging budget cuts to put more money in the pockets of middle-class voters.

The day before, the Republicans had promised to reduce federal spending before making their own tax-cut proposals. They are aware that their Administration incurred vast deficits in the early 1980s by adopting President Reagan's tax reductions without first outlining a means of recouping the lost funds, and are treading carefully.



President Clinton, facing the prospect of a Capitol Hill dominated by radical Republicans, pledged yesterday to "do even more to shrink government"

'Red light' area angers Little Rock neighbours

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IN THE true spirit of Christmas, something close to civil war is breaking out in the suburbs of Little Rock, Arkansas, where Jennings Osborne, an eccentric millionaire, has mounted a six-acre display of four million red light bulbs despite an order from the State Supreme Court to turn them down, or off.

"I do this to make people happy," says Mr Osborne, who has made his neighbours thoroughly unhappy over the years with his interpretation of seasonal cheer.

Mr Osborne first began his display eight years ago. Since then the number of illuminated angels, Santas and elves has increased annually as Mr Osborne purchased more land. Finally his neighbours sued, complaining of traffic congestion, crowds, sleepless nights and violent headaches.

On Friday the Arkansas Supreme Court rejected his claim that the lights were an expression of his religious beliefs. He says he will appeal to the US Supreme Court.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN opens Rwanda inquiry

Kigali: Richard Goldstone, the United Nations war crimes prosecutor, arrived in Rwanda yesterday, heralding establishment of an international tribunal to investigate genocide allegations.

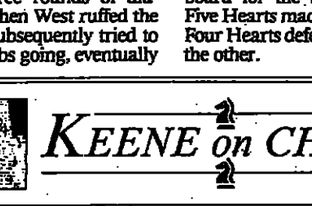
The Rwandan Government said the tribunal was necessary to help heal wounds after the civil war. "Only when there has been justice can there be full reconciliation," a spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Nigerian plea to US

Port Harcourt: Nigerian democracy activists are accusing the West of backing off from applying oil sanctions against the military regime, as part of a campaign to restore civilian rule. Some have called for direct military intervention by America. *(AP)*

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer North **Love all. Teams**



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TABLE 2			
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1♥	4♠	5♦	Pass
5♥	All pass		
Opening lead: ♣A			

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is a hand played in the recent Gold Cup quarter-finals, between the teams captained by Les Steel and Gerald Tredinnick. In many good judges' views these were the best two teams left in the competition, and the winner of the match would be strong favourites to go all the way.

At Table 1, the Tredinnick North-South did well to stop in Four Hearts. The defence played two rounds of spades, the declarer ruffing the second. He then played the jack of clubs to the ace. West switched to a low diamond, and the declarer unwisely played three rounds of diamonds. When West ruffed the declarer subsequently tried to get the clubs going, eventually losing a spade trick, a diamond ruff and two club tricks for one down.

At the other table North's initial Pass and West's Four Spade bid pushed North-South to Five Hearts (quite why North did not open is unclear). West led the ace of clubs, and now made the imaginative switch to a low diamond. This could have been right if the declarer had a singleton diamond and a lot of losing clubs — he would no longer be able to draw trumps and cash the diamonds.

On this occasion, though, the declarer was able to throw a spade on the ace of diamonds, draw trumps and concede a club. An excellent board for the Steel team — Five Hearts made at one table, Four Hearts defeated by one at the other.

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Next Generation

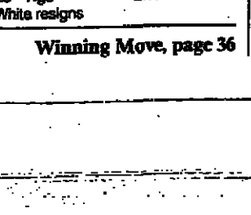
It is a striking fact that the new generation of young British chess stars, following in the footsteps of Nigel Short and Michael Adams, are dominantly female. Harriet Hunt from Oxford, who performed so well in the Moscow Olympiad, is the highest rated 16 year old in the country, outshining all the boys. Meanwhile, Ruth Sheldon, 14, from Manchester, not only dominated the European Girls Rapidplay Championship held at the Euro Disney Park, Paris over the weekend, she was the only player to gain a draw against the FIDE champion Anatoly Karpov in the subsequent simultaneous display.

White: Karpov
Black: Sheldon
Euro-Disney Park, Paris, December 1994

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	g3	Bg7
4	Bg2	0-0
5	Nc3	d6
6	e4	c6
7	Nge2	e5
8	0-0	a6
9	dxe5	dxe5
10	c5	a5
11	Na4	Nbd7
12	Qc2	Qe7
13	Rd1	Na8
14	Be3	Nc7
15	Qc4	Nf8
16	f3	Be6
17	Qc2	Rad8
18	Rxd8	Rxd8
19	Rd1	Nfa8
20	b3	Nb5
21	Rxd8	Qxd8
22	Qd2	Nd4
23	Kf2	f5
24	exd5	Bxd5
25	h3	draw agreed

Diagram of final position



Here is one of Ruth's wins from the championship.

White: Cleven (Germany)
Black: Sheldon (England)
European Girls Rapidplay Championship, Euro-Disney Paris, December 1994

London System

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	d4	g6
3	Bf4	Bg7
4	e3	d6
5	Be2	0-0
6	0-0	Nbd7
7	Nbd2	Qe8
8	c3	e5
9	Bg5	h6
10	Bh4	Nh7
11	h3	f5
12	Nc4	g5
13	Bg3	f4
14	exd4	gxf4
15	Bh4	e4
16	Nfd2	d5
17	Na5	Ndf6
18	c4	Qg6
19	Kh2	Kh8
20	cxd5	f3
21	gxf3	Qh5
22	Bxd6	Qxh3+
23	Kg1	Bxd6
24	Nxe4	Rg8+
25	Ng3	Bh4

White resigns

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The Christmas cornucopia

Peter Millar offers a seasonal guide to markets where butchers and fishmongers still ply their traditional trades — and warns against the plastic-wrapped horrors on supermarket shelves


JONATHAN PLAYER

Oxford's covered market: the browsing and banter, tasting and trust between merchant and customer can make buying in good things for loved ones a joy at Christmas time

The great British Christmas, as we fondly imagine it, was given birth to by Charles Dickens, and, it often seems, died with him, leaving only a ghostly residue behind on cards covered with coaching figures in stovepipe hats.

Apart from preaching charity, Dickens also sanctified family feasting, bestowing a portly bon viveur's blessing on over-indulgence: a good, rumbustious carnivore's Christmas, displayed at its most extravagant when the second of the three spirits pays his nocturnal visitation to Ebenezer Scrooge. For all our supposed improvement in living standards since the 1840s, Dickens's jolly green-robed giant's cornucopia — "turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brawn, great joints of meat, sucking-pigs, long wreaths of sausages, mince pies, plum puddings, barrels of oysters" — seems a nostalgic fantasy compared with the vacuum-packed plenty laid out under fluorescent light to a synthesised "Silent Night" in modern supermarkets.


Pheasant cheap

Supermarket culture may have brought a bird which has been frozen rock-hard within the range of even the most impoverished Bob Cratchit of the late 20th century, but has it not done something nasty to the taste issue?

Remarkably, traditional fare sold the traditional way not only has not vanished but is thriving in some of the country's better markets, where small butchers and fishmongers ply their trade as did their fathers. And, just occasionally, it can even be cheaper too.

In Oxford's covered market, where Sebastian Flyte and Zuleika Dobson bought coffee, Ian Quarterman, of Feller, Son and Daughter, today holds aloft a brace of pheasants, all green and gold and russet feathers. "These were shot three days ago over Cheltenham, Gloucester way. We buy them in by arrangement with the shoots, from Stanway or Salperton. We get people coming up from London to buy them. They charge silly prices down there."

Feller's charges £3.75 for a dressed brace, but "in their feathers" lets them go for as little as £2 for two brace — 50 pence a bird. Crisis at Christmas? Let them eat pheasant. A family of four could feast like kings for two days for little more than the price of a pint of lager.

The trouble is, as Mr Quarterman admits, that too many people today have got used to thinking of meat as pieces of red or pink stuff in polystyrene trays wrapped in Cellophane. "Cleaning out a pheasant can be messy, especially if you like them ripe and have let them hang properly." The country law of tooth and claw, too easily forgotten by urban dwellers, is part and parcel of a proper butcher's trade.

Outside Feller's, rows of freshly killed hares, their heads dripping crimson blood inside opaque plastic bags, line the shopfront, while against the window hang grey-chestnut carcasses of roe deer, also brought in from private shoots. Overhead, inside, great iron hooks support copper-coloured oak-smoked gammon hams that lend a subtle spiciness to the mild autumnal air.

Mr Quarterman proudly displays his rows of plump turkeys, still sporting purple head and neck feathers: "They keep better like that, with the head on and everything inside. We do a lot of free-range birds, like this beautiful Norfolk Bronze," he says, ruffling the dark neck feathers on a succulent-looking creature. "I understand people going to supermarkets where they can get some sort of bird maybe for as little as 35p a pound. You can't blame them, but it won't taste the same." Pedigree free-range turkeys can cost up to four times as much as a factory-farmed bird. Now 43, Mr Quarterman has been a butcher since leaving school and has never been tempted to exchange his bloody apron and traditional white hat for a supermarket shelf-stacker's uniform.

But at Feller's main rivals in Oxford market, Hedge's, where whole hindquarters of beef hang next to fallow deer, Ian Pavier agrees that the big seller for the good small butcher this Christmas is goose, partly because, "people are going back to the old-fashioned ideas", but also because of the turkey's decline in status from an exotic treat to a boned and rolled sandwich-filler.

Some of Hedge's venison comes from the herd that roams the vast estates of Blenheim Palace, ancestral home of the Churchills, at Woodstock just a few miles up the road. Two teenagers wander by and stare at the headless carcasses and mutter "disgusting", before heading for the High Street burger bar.

At Hayman's fishmonger, manager Lionel Evans has also been at his trade all his life: "I've just turned 60 so I've been doing this for close on 45 years. We try to offer people the best of traditional British fish: lots of wild salmon in season and good farmed stuff like this" — pointing to a yard-long shiny silvery fish just in from Scotland — "at this time of year".

He stocks cod, haddock, turbot, grouper and red mullet, mostly from Cornish fishermen. But Oxford's cosmopolitanism adds variety to his carefully crafted display: Caribbean parrotfish beneath whole grey tuna from the Bay of Biscay. Had he, I wondered, ever tasted tuna raw: "Oh yes — sushi. Delicious. We get a Japanese gentleman who pops in every so often and takes away £40 worth."

While we talked, Mr Evans got a call from the skipper of a fleet heading out to sea, confirming the next day's requirements. "Supermarkets claim to be the biggest fishmonger in Britain, but the people behind the counter haven't a clue. It's just cheap labour." Up until a few years ago, Mr Evans ran his own business in a north Oxfordshire village, but eventually gave up the unequal struggle. "It's these large drive-in supermarkets on the outskirts of the towns. They're killing off village life." But he is not unhopeful for the future of the traditional fishmonger. "Put it this way. There are still openings for kids who want to learn the trade."

> 'People come to us from London — they charge *silly prices* up there'

Given the recent evidence of capitalism's cyclical boom and bust, there are those who realise the virtue of following in father's well-trodden footsteps. At the Oxford Cheese Co, Sasha Pouget deputises for his father Robert, who came over from France in the 1970s with a mission to teach the English about cheese — their own as well as more obscure French ones. Despite their vast array of French cheeses — pungent, aromatic, or just reliably creamy melting rounds of Brie — the Pougets also pride themselves on their Cheddar: "unpasteurised Montgomery Cheddar from Somerset", sold in wedges, gift-size truckles or sturdy whole cheeses wrapped in cloth like mummified brandy casks.

Mr Pouget particular favourite is Oxford Blue, a creamy, slightly salty, soft blue cheese made to order for them by the Stilton dairy at Hartington in Derbyshire. "We do well, of course," Sasha explains, "because a lot of the college high tables come to us but other people also know we look after our cheese. It's not worth our while to sell rubbish. If they want a Camembert, I can tell them if it's not ripe so they don't go home, try it and get disappointed. Or I can show them something else."

Advice, quality and individual service are the old-fashioned trader's biggest merit. Late opening hours, bulk buying and drive-in convenience are plus points for the megastore. But there is a sinister side to the "Changing the way Britain shops" motto: an insidious erosion of the browsing and banter, the tasting and trust between merchant and customer (as opposed to consumer and retailer) that can make buying in good things for loved ones a joy, instead of an armed expedition down floodlit gauntlets of wire mesh.

A good market also offers one-stop shopping: I was able to buy all my Christmas supplies from half a dozen shops under one roof, and only an unreformed Scrooge would have minded the extra coppers it cost.



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On the heels of the Trophy Husband, the First Lady sets a worrying trend

Beware a Hillary Wife



KATE MUIR

Coming next in the ever-changing pop psychology of the workplace: the Hillary Wife. Following swiftly on the high-heeled path of the late-Eighties Trophy Wife, the Power Couple of the early Nineties, and the more recent Trophy Husband, the Hillary Wife is a woman whose fast-track career threatens to derail that of her husband.

The species, copyrighted by First Lady Hillary Clinton, was identified by the *Wall Street Journal*, which noted that the chairmen and presidents of large companies were no longer getting the wifely support with business entertaining, shirt laundering and child rearing that they had come to expect. There were heart-wrenching stories of chairmen-husbands forced to entertain home alone while their wives were on business trips, and tales of fractured relationships — such as an executive wife in Chicago and her husband in California pathetically trying to co-ordinate their diaries for next July.

Worse still, a survey of male executives shows that those with wives who stay at home earn more money and promotions. The company-as-family era is over. There can no longer be expectations that wives will turn out in full regalia to corporate dinners, or make cocktails and canapés for their husband's clients and fellow executives. Indeed, there are growing numbers of First Husbands accessorising Hillary Wives of an evening.

Even when a high-powered wife turns out to support her husband at a company social function, all may not run smoothly. Judy Glaser, a management consultant from Massachusetts, attended an important dinner in Boston for her husband's employer, Macrochem. Mrs Glaser had to leave the two-hour event six times to use the phone on business. She was ticked off by her husband's boss. "He felt I was overdoing it," she told the *Wall Street Journal*.

The situation is often tougher for couples who work together. Marsha Link worked alongside her husband William, chief executive of Chiron Vision in California, but gave up the job when she thought their relationship might affect her chances of promotion.

Now she runs her own company, and recently Mr Link found himself leaving work early to shop and cook for two colleagues and their wives who were coming to dinner. He served fettucine with melted Brie and grilled beef, and faced his wife's empty chair at the end of the table. She was on business in Chicago.

The marriage which includes a Hillary Wife may have started as a partnership, but often ends up as a nasty leveraged buyout. When a wife starts to gain prominence, there is often a backlash against the couple. Many voters cited Mrs Clinton's political prominence and the fiasco of her health-care plans as a reason for switching to the Republicans in last month's elections. As for Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington, whose husband Michael spent $28 million failing to win a Senate seat, she became the *bête noire* of the world's media, such was her supposed influence over her spouse. "Her brains, his money," was the headline that summed it up.

Even on our own shores there are signs of the trend. Take the relationship of the Prince and Princess of Wales, which began as a jolly partnership on commemorative wedding mugs and engagement photographs, and ended in strife as the Princess took the limelight, overshadowing her husband.

The line between the power couple and the Hillary Wife situation is a narrow one. A little over-prominence or overpayment for one partner can unbalance a relationship which was bringing in fine joint returns. For years, even in two-career couples, husbands were economically and socially dominant. The sudden reversal of that is hard to stomach for some, despite growing numbers. The Committee of 200, a group of high-flying American women who own businesses making more than $10 million a year, or manage divisions worth over $50 million, says half its 360 members have working husbands.

Many of these dual-career couples are childless, which means there is no reason for one partner to be at home constantly. Later marriages, growing infertility and in some cases a preference for work over family life, mean women can compete head to head with men in dedication to the corporate good.

Fortunately, for those under pressure to live up to the Hillary Wife model, there is the antidote in the form of The Burned Out Businesswomen's Association. Those who join the Kansas-based national support group confess to total exhaustion. The Bobwainians, as they call themselves, were set up by Marcia Hines, a full-time executive and mother who said she was "just really, really tired all the time".

The burned-out ladies have regular brunches, and to attend, members must look suitably overworked. Coiffed hair and perfect make-up are banned. They also must leave behind a dirty house for someone else to clean.

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Tick fever caught from animals is more common than usually thought — but don't let it stop you patting your dog or walking in the countryside

Tiny danger that lurks on the moors

PHILIP LEACH was a former member of the Exmoor National Park Authority, so it was only to be expected that when he retired he would spend his newly-gained leisure walking over the moor. It has been suggested that his love of Exmoor led indirectly to his death from Q fever, one of the Rickettsial tick-born diseases.

Ticks shed by red deer and other animals into the grass or bracken can later latch on to people and infect them with the causative organism of Q fever, *Coxiella burnetii*. Q fever is found all over the world, but as Rikettsial diseases are more common abroad, it is often wrongly regarded as a rare disease in this country.

It would be more true to say that it is not necessarily rare, but rarely diagnosed — for it is not particularly unusual among people who work with animals. Blood tests carried out by research workers 30 years ago showed that nearly a third of all those employed in abattoirs had at some time been infected with Q fever.

The ticks which harbour Q fever are carried by deer and by other wild animals; including rats, mice, and foxes, as well as birds and many domestic animals, for instance, dogs, sheep, cattle, and goats.

Q fever would not be as common as it is if it was spread only by ticks, but it can also be caught from infected animal faeces, urine, blood — the placenta is a very rich source — and by direct contact or by inhaling dust and aerosol particles contaminated by dried infected material. Unpasteurised milk can carry the organism.



Q fever is not often diagnosed because most people recover spontaneously, sharing, as they do so, their doctor's conviction that they have only had a severe attack of flu, accompanied by a nasty cough and possibly some tummy upset. In a typical case, there is a long incubation period, up to 26 days, after which the patient complains of the flu-like symptoms — very severe headaches, joint and muscle pains, shivering, a wildly fluctuating high temperature, a hacking cough, chest pains, and possibly the symptoms of hepatitis. The acute disease usually lasts between seven and 14 days, and convalescence may take several weeks. Only when somebody fails to recover from flu, or when a pneumonia does not respond to standard treatment, are doctors alerted to the possibility that they are dealing with something more unusual. Experimental work carried out on human volunteers showed that half of those deliberately infected with Q fever developed radiological signs of pneumonia, and a third had hepatitis. Q fever is also an occasional cause of sub-acute bacterial endocarditis, a potentially lethal infection of the heart valves. This and lobar pneumonia in an elderly or debilitated patient are the likely causes of a fatality.

So doctors need to think of Q fever as a possible cause of pneumonia in country people, particularly if it has not cleared with the usual antibiotics. They must not exclude it in cases of unexplained hepatitis or in patients with sub-acute bacterial endocarditis who have negative blood culture tests.

Philip Leach was very unfortunate, however. For most cases respond well when given the appropriate antibiotics, tetracycline or chloramphenicol. His case shouldn't stop anyone from affectionately patting their dogs or enjoying their walks through the woods or cattle grazed moors or marshes.

How alcohol works on our brains

Ian Robertson explains that the most advanced parts of our brains are the first to be affected

At the office party, she is trapped in a corner by the manager's husband, her concentration dulled by his monologue and by one glass of chardonnay too many. He pauses, and she feels the hairs stand at the back of her neck as she hears herself ask: "And is your mother *still* dead?"

Silly thoughts can leak out after too many drinks because the nerve cells in our brains become leaky, too. Neurons are sheathed in a skin of fat molecules which hold the substances inside and outside the cell apart. Alcohol makes this skin more porous, so that the proper transmission of chemical messages in and out of the cell becomes disrupted. This is as much bad news for the nerve cells as it is for the accurate transmission of thoughts and sensations through the brain. This is why people spill chilli con carne down their jackets, and end their careers prematurely during conversations with their boss's spouse.

It is also the reason why this year's Christmas drink-driving campaign emphasises the niceness and normality of many of the men — and some women — who kill 500 people a year and maim thousands more through drunk-driving: these leaky cells cocoon the sober and responsible self from conscience, reflection and self-doubt, and nowhere more so than in the under-25s, who, even at the legal drink-driving limit of 80mg per 100ml, are *four times* more likely to have an accident than when they have drunk nothing.

Alcohol's lethal combination of effects — increased confidence combined with impaired capacity — can be explained by a cursory glance at the way the human brain is organised. As this organ has evolved over the last few hundred thousand years, increasingly more sophisticated apparatus has been superimposed upon the old parts. The highest achievement so far has been the front lobes — 29 per cent of the brain in humans, 17 per cent in chimpanzees, 3.5 per cent in cats. These are also the last part to be fully connected up in the developing child — final wiring may not take place until adolescence. The front lobes are the general managers of the brain, responsible for co-ordinating plans and actions. They are the seat of self-awareness, forethought and impulse control — the very faculties which are most vulnerable to a few drinks.

Close behind the front lobes in evolutionary development is the rest of the cerebral cortex, where complex reasoning, calculation, language, memory and perception are based. Below the cerebrum lie the older parts of the brain where there is regulation of emotion, hunger, thirst, sex — as well as some memory and perceptual functions. Further down are the parts responsible for basic alertness, breathing, heart rate and co-ordination of movement.

In general it seems that the first effects of alcohol are on the most advanced parts of the brain and, as you drink more and more, progressively lower brain systems are affected. When the highest levels of the brain are impaired, then the lower levels are released from some of the higher brain's inhibition, which is why a study of Manchester bus drivers in 1959 showed that after just two to three units of alcohol, some of the drivers were willing to drive a bus through a gap 14in narrower than the width of the bus. It is also the reason why nice guys end up killing people with their cars.

It is of course one of the great attractions of drinking alcohol that you can be granted temporary leave of absence from the diktat of the workaday self. Alcohol erects a screen of frosted glass between you and the world, and one way it does this is via "state dependent learning". State dependent learning simply means that what you learn under one set of conditions you will more likely recall when these conditions are reinstated. In other words, the full horror of what you did at last year's office party will more readily come to mind when you reach the equivalent state of intoxication at this year's party. Similarly, you will be relatively insulated from resolutions and good intentions formulated during prim sobriety once alcohol changes your chemical horizons.

Of course, you should always calculate how much you have drunk, remembering that it takes the average liver two hours to burn off just one glass of chardonnay. But at this time of year people tend to throw off the shackles of self-restraint, thus delighting and appalling their workmates in equal measure. Earnest researchers into things alcoholic — inebriatricians, as they like to be known — have painstakingly constructed charts which allow levels of intoxication to be predicted in terms of how much is drunk: cheerful and careless after so many drinks, speech slurred and unsteady after so many more, rising to such forbidding categories as "unconsciousness certain" and "death likely".

I once used such charts as part of an alcohol education course held for young offenders in the cheerless surroundings of the town hall in the Scottish town of Forfar. These sceptical young men were required to keep diaries of their previous week's drinking, and to use the charts provided to calculate blood alcohol levels achieved after various drinking occasions. When I asked one particularly unpromising student how he had fared in the previous week, he replied sourly: "Accordin' tae yer charts, ah wis deid twice on Setterday . . ."

With this warning in mind, I wish you all a happy party season.

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The Corner of The Table by Paul Chabas: even the nicest, most normal people can drink too much at Christmas — with disastrous consequences

The case for sterilisation

This operation may reduce the risk of developing ovarian cancer

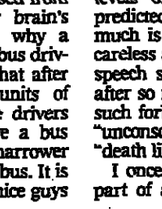
Sterilisation is now a common operation in Britain. Almost half of all couples over 35 have opted for female sterilisation or vasectomy. These operations are performed on 90,000 women and almost as many men every year. Most are in their thirties but many are younger: about 5 per cent of women under 30 have been sterilised. Sterilisation rates are higher in Britain than in other European countries or America.

Until the 1960s, sterilisation needed a medical or psychiatric indication. Doctors' attitudes changed sharply around 1965, concerning women, at least. A 1966 editorial in the *British Medical Journal* commented that female sterilisation was often being practised but that vasectomy raised "different ethical issues". It is hard to understand what these were but today men still get poorer service from the NHS. It carries out 90 per cent of Britain's female sterilisations but only 50 per cent of the nation's vasectomies.

Female sterilisation used to require the removal of part of each fallopian tube through an abdominal incision. It is now done by "keyhole surgery" using a laparoscope (a thin telescope inserted just below the umbilicus), usually as a day case procedure under general anaesthesia. When it was first introduced laparoscopic sterilisation involved cauterising (burning) the fallopian tubes but nowadays clips or rings are applied, causing minimal damage to the tubes.

The failure rate of female sterilisation (less than 0.5 per cent over the woman's lifetime) is much lower than those of the Pill or the intrauterine device (about 1 per cent a year). This is one reason abortion rates for women over 35 have fallen during the last 20 years, in contrast to the steady rise among younger women.

Failure may be caused by operator error but usually stems from the body's ability to heal itself. Nevertheless, by the 1980s, sterilisation failure had become a major cause of litigation against doctors and women today are always warned about this small risk. Those requesting sterilisation at the same time as abortion or Caesarean section are told such combined procedures may have a slightly higher failure rate.



Few women change their minds after these warnings. Yet it is important for the woman to know that pregnancy can sometimes occur after sterilisation. One in 10 such pregnancies is ectopic (implantation occurring in the fallopian tube) and could cause life-threatening haemorrhage.

How many women regret being sterilised? This is hard to assess. Some may have vague pangs while still believing they made the right decision. About 10 per cent of women express feelings of regret. Between 0.1 per cent and 5 per cent, according to published figures, ask for the operation to be reversed. The risk of regret is higher if the woman is young and if the operation was combined with abortion or Caesarean section. Women who have never had children are not at increased risk of regret. Couples are always advised to consider the operation permanent, although the chance of successful reversal of clip sterilisation can be as high as 70 per cent.

There is now increasing interest in the long-term effects of sterilisation on women's health. Studies in America and Denmark have shown that sterilised women are more likely to undergo hysterectomy later in life, particularly if they were sterilised at an early age.

There is, however, little evidence that sterilisation affects menstruation directly. Theoretically, blocking the tubes might alter blood flow to or from the womb but research has shown that the more destructive techniques such as cautery carry no higher risk of hysterectomy compared with tubal clipping. The explanation for the increased rate of hysterectomy may lie in women's attitudes. Age-related changes in the womb tend to make periods become heavier as a woman gets older. Women who have already decided to forgo their fertility may be more likely than other women to request hysterectomy when they experience heavy periods.

The Harvard University nurses' study reports that sterilisation reduces the risk of ovarian cancer. For the past 12 years, this study has been following a group of 121,700 nurses, 14 per cent of whom happened to have been sterilised before the project. The sterilised sub-group now has a much lower incidence of ovarian cancer than the rest.

The reduction in risk persists for at least 15 years, so is unlikely to be caused by the detection of early cases at laparoscopy. It may be attributable to a change in ovarian function, but sterilisation does not alter the age of the menopause and seems not to stop ovulation or cause significant hormonal changes.

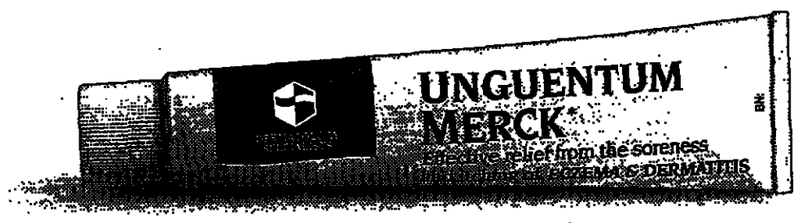
Each year in Britain, ovarian cancer causes more than 4,000 deaths, mainly in women over 50. The disease is hard to detect early by screening and a way of preventing it is badly needed. The Pill gives prolonged protection but can be used by women over 35 only if they are non-smokers. A protective effect of sterilisation, though not proved, has now been seen in several studies.

We still do not know yet whether this protection lasts into a woman's fifties and sixties, when she is most at risk of ovarian cancer. If it does, female sterilisation may become even more popular.

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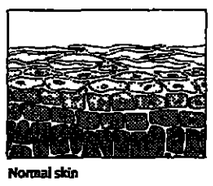
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The ghost of Scottish festivities

Magnus Linklater mourns the move away from Hogmanay

It should be one of the more resilient festivals in these apathetic times. Partly because it is pagan and it is the pagan ones that tend to survive; partly because it involves the consumption of large amounts of alcohol. But, instead of thriving like Hallowe'en or Guy Fawkes day, Hogmanay seems to be a dying tradition. Or rather it's changing, and not notably for the better.

It was Hogmanay and not Christmas which was once the great Scottish holiday, "a time of family expansions and great carousal," as Robert Louis Stevenson described it. It overshadowed the festivities on December 25 to the point where it sometimes appeared that Christmas Day was no more than a minor prelude to the real celebrations marking the new year. Indeed, until the 1970s, it was not even a holiday at all, and shops, pubs and offices operated as normal. I remember that we used to emerge from the Christmas service in our Episcopalian church in the North East of Scotland to find the Presbyterian kirk opposite dark and empty. Nothing much got under way until December 31.

Now the balance has swung almost entirely the other way and the Scots treat Christmas Day with much the same enthusiasm as the English. An opinion poll this weekend in *Scotland on Sunday* showed that 80 per cent of home-based Scots think the Christmas holiday is more important to them and their families than Hogmanay. Even the over-65s admitted they preferred it. A custom, regarded throughout the world as distinctively Scottish, appears to have become a part of mythology.

> Everyone took to the streets with whisky and coal

This might not merit much more than a shrug of the shoulders and a passing "ochone" (the Gaelic word for "alas" but with an extra ingredient of tragedy), if it did not cast some light on current Scottish attitudes, both towards the English and themselves. At a time when political differences between the two nations are being strongly asserted, it just may be that popular cultures are steadily merging. If so, a part of what the writer Tom Nairn called, with barely concealed contempt, the "cultural sub-nationalism" of Scotland, is being eroded. He would argue that that is no bad thing.

Hogmanay, apart from being a national binge, was an opportunity for some fairly mawkish entertainment — what Nairn termed Scottish kitsch. It was Andy Stewart on television, Kenneth McKellar singing "The Song of the Clyde", some warbling reference to "my ain folk" and just possibly a lone sheiling in the glen. They survived, these relics, like Bonnie Prince Charlie biscuit-boxes, the Scott Monument, Auld Lang Syne, and unbearably cute little girls in kilts dancing Highland Flings, not just because they appealed to the tourists, but because the Scots themselves were addicted to them. As long as these icons held sway, Nairn argued, real Scottish culture would be held back, stifled by a tartan monster of awesome proportions. "As far as I am concerned," he once famously wrote, "Scotland will be reborn the day the last Presbyterian minister is strangled with the last copy of the *Sunday Post*."

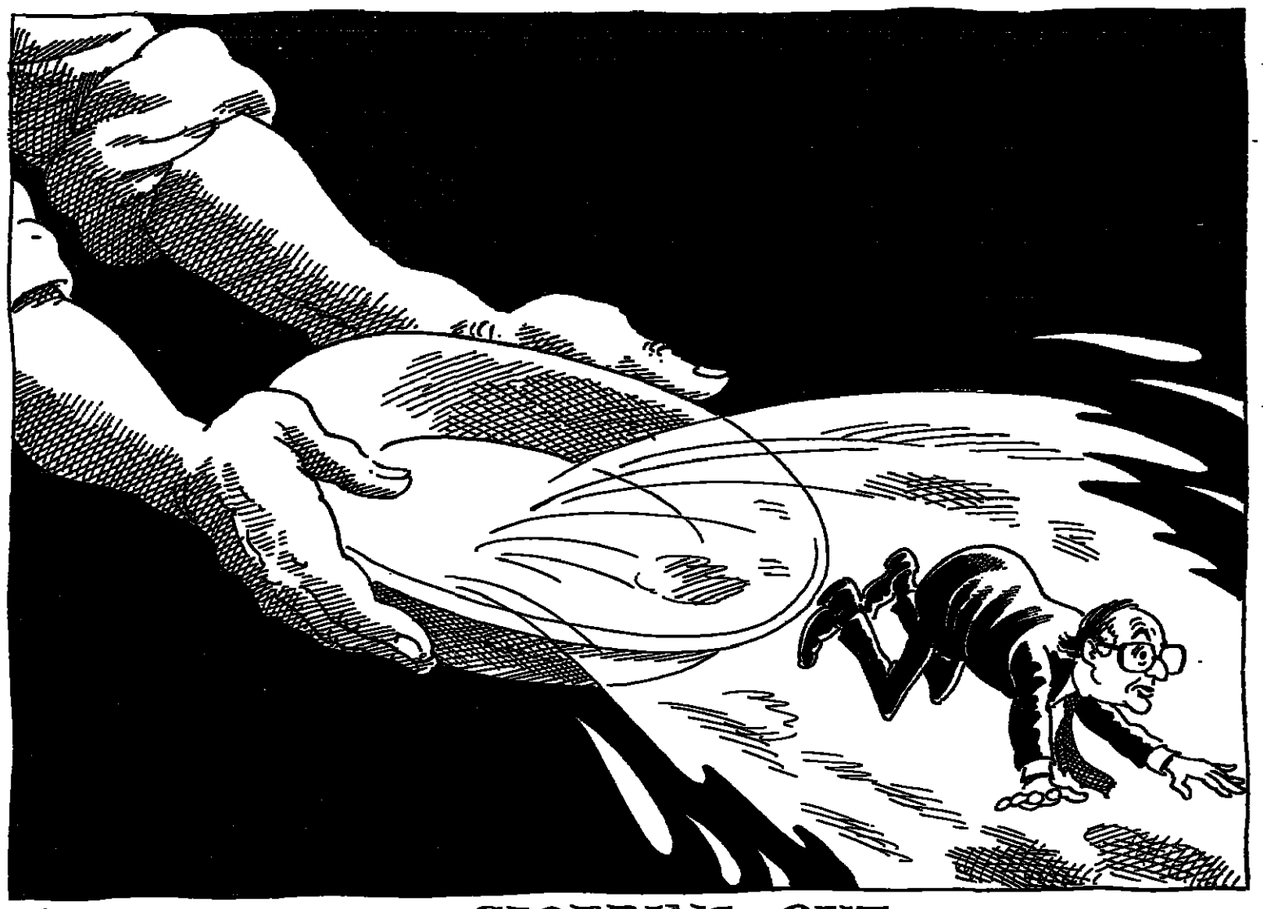
Television was as responsible as anything for nurturing the monster. There was a time when Hogmanay was not complete without the *White Heather Club*, or shows like *Calum's Ceilidh*. Now there is only an echo of the pipes.

The people tend to stay indoors. That, of course, is the real change at Hogmanay. It used to be the night when everyone took to the streets or country roads in order to "first foot" their neighbours, armed with a bottle of whisky and a lump of coal or peat. They might even be carrying a Scotch "black bun", a current confection which Robert Louis Stevenson described as "a dense black substance inimical to life". To be the first across the threshold as the new year came in, especially if you were male and dark-haired, was to bring good luck. To sample a dozen malt whiskies in a dozen different living-rooms before you crawled back home at dawn was a suitably convivial way to usher in the new year. And instead of sleeping it off there would be on New Year's Day, a riotous game of football on some frozen field, to shake off the worst of the hangover. These days the drinking is probably just as enthusiastic. But it is done at home.

The most obvious reason for the decline of the travelling Hogmanay is the curb on drink-driving. In those distant days one would think nothing of driving home through country lanes, weaving hazardously along the verge, slowing to a snail's pace to avoid some equally erratic car coming from the other direction. I remember the outrage in our neighbourhood when the police first started patrolling the roads on New Year's Eve, not with a view to helping inebriated drivers find their way home, but with the aim of stopping them.

A hundred years earlier, RLS recounted the same on the streets of Edinburgh: "It is not expedient to risk one's body in a cab, or not, at least, until after a prolonged study of the driver. The streets, which are thronged from end to end, become a place for delicate pilotage."

There are signs that some Scottish cities want to restore Hogmanay to its rightful place. Both Edinburgh and Glasgow have begun to stage elaborate outdoor celebrations around the new year weekend, with street parties and concerts. And with the build-up to the millennium, these are bound to grow. But it's hard to see how the great Christmas takeover can ever be reversed.



SLOPPING-OUT

A monumental problem

India does not deserve the Taj Mahal but the world must save it from decay

Bernard Levin

Anyone who knows me even slightly, and indeed anyone who reads my books and articles will know the depth and breadth of love that I have for India. I fell under its spell, that maddening but wonderful country, many years ago, but I have never wavered in my feelings towards it and its people, and I have been blessed in the making of Indian friends.

Very early on in my Indian days, I was in Hyderabad, and I was going on to Bombay, where a dinner for me had been arranged. My ticket was plainly stamped OK, but in those days I had not fully taken the measure of Indian Airlines and its schedules, and when I was told that my ticket was not valid for the flight, I behaved as I would in Western Europe — that is, I made a gigantic scene. One of the villains came out from behind the check-in desk; I was ready to murder him, when he said, in the most soothing tones, "Come, come, sit down over there, and I will bring you a cup of tea".

As I opened my mouth to scream imprecations, something happened in me; I realised that I was in India, not England, and that India was not at all like England, and above all that my friends in Bombay would not mind if I were late, not least because even then I had discovered that in India everything is always late. I took the tea, but that was not the end of it; a vast, warm feeling swept over me, engulfing me in the love that India exudes, and from that day on, I was India's. Indeed, whenever I am going to the Near or Far East, I make sure that I drop down for at least two or three days in India. And if the break is even a few more days longer, I have one visit that I never miss, one that I would never let myself miss, one friend I must see, one friend I must salute, one friend I must bow to. It is at Agra, and it is called the Taj Mahal.

Let me remember for a little while, until I come to the point of the remembering. This was my first visit, and this is what I wrote:

> The Taj Mahal has a great deal to live up to. So much, indeed, that there can be few thoughtful visitors today who, knowing something of its reputation, do not fear the betrayal of expectation. How can *anything* justify the rhapsodies, the descriptions, the history, the legends, the very photographs?

I confirm that it was in such a spirit, almost with fingers crossed behind my back, that I paid my two rupees, passed through the outer arch, and approached the inner, which serves, when you have advanced to the right point, as a frame for the picture before you.

Fear nothing: the sight that there swims into view surpasses everything you have heard or seen or read or imagined, and almost the only intense emotion you will not experience as the frame fills is disappointment.

They told me that the Taj Mahal is beautiful, and they were right. They also told me that it is white, though there they were wrong, for white is almost the only colour it is not, except for a few minutes immediately after the sun goes down; at that point all the delicate blues and greys and yellows and pinks are drawn from it and leave it like a ghost, until it takes on its evening life and becomes as rich as the moon.

I have quoted at length for a purpose, and I have mentioned the vast palette that the Taj displays for its visitors to reinforce the purpose. Because I learn that the Taj Mahal, that monument to perfect love and perfect beauty, is dying, and in not many years it will be dead, so that where it now stands there will be nothing but rubble, and dirty rubble at that. Unless, that is, the Indian Government soon — very soon indeed — stems the rot. (As I write, there is no sign that the Indian Government is doing anything at all about it.)

I can say, I suppose, that I have seen that glory many, many times, and to the rest of you, I can say "too bad", but such selfishness would be almost criminal.

What, then, can be done, and what is the problem that bids fair (foul, actually) to destroy the Taj? It is the pollution in the filthy air of Agra, made filthier by the factories and an oil refinery, and multiplied by the acid rain that fills the atmosphere. (A single figure will give you an idea of the problem: the refinery alone pours a thousand kilos of sulphur dioxide into the air *every hour*.)

Well, says the well-fed occidental, there's no problem there: all you need is to close the factories, shut off the refinery, and clear up. What's the problem? It is that if anything like that was done, something like a hundred thousand men and women would be thrown onto the streets, and anybody who has seen an Indian street will know that it is not the most comfortable place to lay one's head. Leaving the employment question for a moment, I must bring good tidings: very many factories in the vicinity *have* been shut down by order. Well, says the occidental, that's a good start isn't it? No, it isn't, because for every factory that is shut down by the courts, one or more illicit "ghost" factories springs up.

And now for the worst. The worst is that in and around Agra and its immortal treasure (soon to be very mortal indeed, if nothing is done about it), most of the people who live there manifestly do not care if the Taj Mahal lives or dies. How did the jingle go? "If every man sweeps before his home, the village will be clean." Alas, it is not thus in Agra.

There are exceptions. Once, many years ago, I was wandering about the Taj, when a bearded Methuselah beckoned me to sit beside him and learn about the treasure. He told me that he came always once a week — the day on which there is no entry fee (two rupees!) — and in the few hours we talked, he taught me more about the Taj than all the guidebooks together.

But he taught me more from the storehouse of his age; he talked of serenity, he spoke of life and death as two friends, he demonstrated how he had learnt not to care about poverty. He must be long dead, my sage at Agra. But I am glad that he did not live to see the death of that precious jewel, and mourn.

Or perhaps his serenity would stretch far enough to encompass the terrible irony of the crumbling Taj. All that lives must die; nowhere is it written that that truth does not include stone and jewels. For assuredly it includes love.

Meanwhile, the Taj is rotting, and perhaps long in the future, when that wonder has gone to dust and the dust blown away on the wind, the guidebooks will record nothing but that Jim Callaghan said that sitting on the steps got his bottom cold.

There are, of course, many wonderful sights in India; anyone who has wandered about the stones of Fatehpur Sikri is unlikely to forget the experience. But the Taj Mahal is truly unique, and it therefore behoves us to save it. I say us, but by that I mean the whole world.

Already, the crumbling goes on ever faster, and the wholly untrained workmen who are trying to clean it are making it dreadfully worse. And — it had to happen — souvenir hunters are now breaking bits off.

Yes, it is the whole world's misfortune, and it is therefore the whole world's duty to put it right. But India cannot hide behind the money and experts that will come to Agra: hide, that is, India's shame. For this catastrophe was not like an earthquake or a terrible explosion; it was caused by Indians, by Indians who were too lazy, too indifferent, too wasteful, too ignorant, to look after a precious — unimaginably precious — treasure, that was given to India some 350 years ago.

And the rest of the world cannot leave the Taj to its fate, but must rally to its misfortune, because although India does not deserve the Taj, the world still does, and cannot do without it. Let us hope that we are not too late; very soon, the experts must gather and measure the shape and size of the misfortune, then get to work on it. And if it is saved, there should be these words carved on a stone plaque just outside the Taj: "India would have let it die: the rest of the world saved it."

Rail lobby's dead end

Sir Alfred Sherman argues that road cuts will not ease traffic

Whether it stems from the Treasury's false economies or a tired Government's submission to *bien pensant* mythology, the road programme's imminent decimation will not only cause future hardship and economic dislocation. It distracts attention from the real causes and contingent cures of our traffic distempers.

Rail subsidies, thinly euphemised as "investment in public transport", are not a cure, but part of the ills.

In the first place, over the past 40years, rail-traffic, both passenger and freight, has fallen by more than three quarters in volume and by seven eighths as a proportion of total traffic, of which it now stands at 5 per cent, in spite of heavy subsidies meeting half of total revenue, when overt and covert support are added.

Secondly, most rail journeys, passenger or freight, begin and end by road. (The first century of the railway age was actually the rail-horse age. As the internal combustion engine, pneumatic tyre and tarmac road displaced horse-drawn vehicles from the first and third legs, they found it increasingly economic to obviate the middle leg too.) Since rail travel, besides entailing treble handling, is capital intensive, costly, slow and complicated, the spontaneous operation of economic forces eliminated it as anachronistic under British conditions.

Since the first and last legs of road-rail-road journeys begin and end in town or suburb, cuts in road-building would adversely affect residual rail-users just as they would other road users. Thirdly, road public-passenger transport, equal in volume to rail, needs improved roads for its operation.

Fourthly, public transport is not inherently more economical, less congestive or less pollutant than private. Rail transport — including trams — is far more energy intensive than road — by a factor of about ten — creating roughly ten times as many carbon gases and infinitely more suphurous gases. Buses slow down the whole lane of traffic, too.

Rail subsidies, financed by taxpayers of all classes, benefit mainly commuters to central London and middle-class business travellers to and from London.

Travel patterns to work outside city centres rely heavily on the car, which public transport could rarely substitute for, even if heavily subsidised. As incomes rise, leisure travel accounts for an increasing proportion of total mileage; it entails multiple car use in most cases and the blessing of door-to-door travel, which public transport, however heavily subsidised (we should be talking in tens of billions) could not match in either cost or amenity.

Like rail, road public-passenger transport has declined absolutely by over three quarters during the past 40 years, in spite of subsidies, which have in some cases hastened the decline by permitting operators to ignore the wishes of their travelling public. Having worked in public road transport, I am aware of the complexities, but I can say one thing with certainty: cutting down on road improvements, far from helping, will only make matters worse.

In a democracy, people will not submit to being taxed or coerced out of the car. So we must ask whether their journeys are really necessary and how travel patterns can be modified.

Increased population, incomes, production and leisure travel are not amenable to government action; but unnecessary over-concentration in central London is. However, this is partly the result of government acts: heavy public transport subsidies to London and other subsidies, including rate-support grants, designed to offset diseconomies of concentration. One must also ask whether so many people need to work in central London in the age of the computer, information technology and electronic mail. Government policies should lean towards encouraging decentralisation. Government encouragement of mass tourism in London, a contributory factor, should also be reversed.

The claim that road building only encourages more traffic is a dangerous quarter truth. Were it true, traffic densities would be equal all over the country, whereas north of the Midlands, densities in road networks built by successive governments for political reasons visibly fall off.

People rarely travel just because there is more road space, but because they have good reason to go, or carry something, from A to B. True, if congestion is particularly bad, some necessary journeys will be choked off, and restored if more road space is given to a point where transit demand is fully met. But it would be as logical to argue that availability of more food is counter-productive, since it encourages people to eat more. It does, but only up to a point.

The trouble in the South East and West Midlands has been that extra road building, by raising economic potential, has encouraged more extensive and intensive land use, and hence raised transit needs. The answer is to relate transport planning and land use planning, as successive governments have failed to do, or even attempt.

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Double trouble

IT MUST be something in the Saltwood water. Alan Clark's younger brother Colin is to publish his diaries. Full of racy anecdotes and as hopelessly politically incorrect as his sibling, Clark C. has entitled his work *The Prince, the Showgirl and Me*.

Retired film-maker Clark the younger, 62, known as "Col" by his brother, has been editing the journal he kept in 1956 while an assistant director on Laurence Olivier's film *The Prince and The Showgirl*. In it, he recorded all the behind-the-scenes traumas and tensions, especially the increasingly neurotic behaviour of Olivier's co-star Marilyn Monroe, together with his own experiences. It is due to be published next autumn by the publisher of his brother's book — Weidenfeld & Nicolson.

Just like his political brother, Clark C. has chosen not to tone down his original sentiments for the sake of sparing any blushes. "The language I used is quite strong," he confesses. "One called homosexuals 'queers' in those days. I left that in. It's also true to say that I refer to people as being Jews in a way that might not be acceptable today." Arthur Miller, too, suffers the Clark treatment. "I was not too complimentary about him."

DIARY

And, yes, there's sex aplenty. His editor, Ion Trewin, sighs: "He was 23 and he had an eye for the opposite sex — that certainly comes across." Clark himself, who's now married to his third wife, admits: "I have included frequent fallings-in-love. I was always falling in love."

Bombshell

MPs are not opening their Christmas post with quite the alacrity of recent years. So often, the "gift" from lobby groups *et al*, lacks the festive touch. Take Greenpeace: the pressure group has dispatched hundreds of bottles of "Nirex" mineral water to their elected representatives.

"I hoped it was a bottle of booze," grumbles one disappointed MP. "Then I read the label. It said 'store in a clean, dry and safe place — on another planet'."

● *Cricket legend Denis Compton recently let slip that success in the sport came to him only later in life. When visiting his old primary school, Bell Lane School, Hendon, in north London, notable for its mixed-sex cricket team, he confided: "While here, I was once caned for smashing a window with a cricket ball." Fortunately, he was not deterred.*

A private word

AFTER a less than perfect year, the Prince of Wales is looking to the future. To the year 2295 in fact. He will contribute a private message which is not meant to be read for 300 years. It will be buried next month in a time capsule in the grounds of Magdalen College, Oxford.

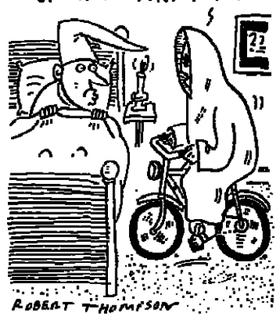
Anthony Smith, the college's president, is delighted. "Every member of the college, including undergraduates and academic staff, is going to write a letter addressed to someone three hundred years into the future — and Prince Charles is going to add something himself."

As talk at the top tables turns to the royal contribution, my college mole tells me: "Two suggestions for burial keep coming up — a copy of the Dimbleby biography or one of his own watercolours."

Curtains

WHILE treading the boards, veteran Shakespearean actor Richard Johnson long dreamt of owning a country hotel in an idyllic setting. He achieved his ambition two years ago when he and his partner, Lynne Gurney, bought the 16-bed Savernake Forest Hotel near Marlborough, Wiltshire. But now, I hear, the receivers have been called in. "It has all been brought about by lack of support from the banks," moans Gurney, who continues to run it with Johnson under the receivers' critical gaze. "We have a brilliant business here — but the banks will no longer give us the support we need."

I AM THE GHOST OF TRANSPORT FUTURE



ROBERT THOMPSON

In play

PETER KILFOYLE, Labour's schools spokesman, is, naturally, sore about being berated for choosing a quasi-selective education for his son. Musing about his own childhood in the Christmas issue of *The House* magazine, young Kilfoyle — one of 14 children — says he won a scholarship. "Other members of the family passed the scholarship but there was no way in which they could go on because the extras like uniforms were too expensive." But his older brother John, who later died of asbestosis, did go to a Jesuit college in Liverpool when he was 11. "My parents got him a second-hand blazer and cap and I can remember he still had them when he was 14."

Swine fever

THE oddest types are expected in New York next month, when Christie's auctions more than 100 costumes belonging to the late Rudolf Nureyev. Speculation is building around one lot in particular — the gold sequinned number he wore opposite Miss Piggy in a 1978 *Muppet Show*. It is estimated to fetch £5,000 to £7,000 — higher than any other costume.

The ensemble, sprinkled with fake diamonds and rubies, featured in *Swine Lake*, which saw the exquisite Nureyev attempting a *pas-de-deux*, only to be virtually trampled underfoot by the 6-ft porker.



From rasher with love

Christie's director David Llewellyn explains why it should fetch more than anything else, even those costumes Nureyev wore opposite Margot Fonteyn in the real thing. "As well as the interest from museums, there's the TV audiences. It was only worn for that production and after that kept by Nureyev in his flat in Paris. Nureyev loved doing *The Muppet Show*. He thought it was a real laugh."

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THE BUCK MUST STOP

The prison service should have new leadership

As a summary of the Woodcock Report on Whitemoor prison it is hard to improve on the words of Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, speaking in Parliament yesterday. The report presented a "catalogue of incompetence and negligence, compounded by buck-passing, which simply beggars belief".

Who will take responsibility? Sir John Woodcock's terms of reference required him only to establish the facts about the IRA escape from Whitemoor: thus he decided that to get at the full truth his best recourse was "to avoid naming individuals" and resist "the temptation to seek scapegoats". For a factual inquiry this may well have been a necessary and appropriate procedure and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has now established a separate disciplinary inquiry under Sir David Yardley. This must report with speed. It will have a hard task in meeting the understandable demands that heads should rapidly roll.

The scale of mismanagement uncovered by Woodcock was too extensive and too profound to be a matter of mere "indiscipline" at lower levels. The problem was not simply one of individual prison officers failing to obey orders or implement required procedures. The attempted escape and the stockpiling of explosives at Whitemooore resulted from systematic failures of management that were maintained continually over a period of two years. The main question in allocating responsibility, therefore, is not who should be "disciplined" for failing to obey orders, but who should be blamed for establishing the management systems which allowed such a horror to continue for so long.

The choice seems to come down to two individuals: Derek Lewis, the Director-General of the Prison Service, or the Home Secretary himself. A minister certainly cannot be blamed for every management decision taken in his department, especially when such decisions have been specifically delegated to an independent agency, in this case the Prison Service. Moreover, the doctrine of ministerial responsibility itself does not, in the view of the Government, cover day-to-day mishaps within a department's purview.

As the Woodcock report notes, "the relationship between the Prison Service and Ministers imposes clear responsibility for the day to day management of the Service on the Director-General". Mr Howard has left himself unnecessarily exposed, however, by his tendentious references in his Commons statement to Judge Stephen Tumim's earlier report to the Home Office on Whitemoor. Mr Howard implied that the Chief Inspector of Prisons had expressed broad satisfaction with the regime established at Whitemoor. In reality, the Tumim report gave warning that "inmates had achieved some dominance over the staff, who were clearly in awe of some of their charges". It also noted that prisoners were being allowed to keep too many personal possessions and said that "it appeared that the staff were at the inmates' beck and call".

The main finger of blame, however, points firmly at Mr Lewis: he seems unlikely to remain long at his post. Last night officials were letting it be known that Mr Lewis would indeed be subject to the disciplinary inquiry. Mr Howard remarked that Mr Lewis was unlikely to receive another of his controversial performance bonuses. Tory backbenchers noted that his current contract would, in any case, run out next autumn. If he is to go, it were better he went quickly. This sliding towards responsibility is perhaps the most unsavoury feature of the whole affair. Mr Lewis has enjoyed the pay and perks of a private-sector manager. He should now accept the responsibility that goes with the job.

A NEW RIGHT

Aitken aims to look more modern than Portillo

Another day, another referendum ploy. The latest, from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Jonathan Aitken, is partly designed as a trap for Labour. Mr Aitken wants to link domestically inspired constitutional reform with any big changes emanating from Brussels. His idea, as first reported in *The Times* yesterday, is that the Tories should announce themselves in favour of referendums for any change to the constitution and challenge Labour to agree to consult the people before embarking, for example, on Scottish or Welsh devolution. The Conservatives would then be seen not just as the protectors of the constitution, but also as the champions of the people.

This might sound less than plausible from a party that has spent the past few years arguing strongly against consulting the people. Nonetheless, Labour's huge programme of constitutional upheaval may well scare some elements of an electorate that is already feeling insecure. The Tories could win political capital from fighting the next election as the party of the constitution, the monarchy, the Union and the European nation state. Tying a referendum pledge to all these proposals might make the promise of one for Europe look less like a concession or an attempt to pacify a squabbling party.

In her best years Margaret Thatcher was careful to retain the support of natural conservatives as well as those who were attracted intellectually or financially by her policies. It is these conservatives, with a small "c", who are now seeping away from the party. "Back to basics" was designed to woo them back. That foundered on the rock of human weakness. Constitutions, however, do not have extramarital affairs. Mr Aitken's strategy is less likely to be scuppered by events.

From the Prime Minister's point of view, however, it does rely on entrenching the Tories as the supporters of the status quo, whether the constitutional changes are proposed by Mr Blair or Helmut Kohl. The Aitken initiative could be read as a ploy to corral Mr Major into the Euro-sceptic enclosure. If a parallel is to be drawn between domestic and European constitutional reform, then the Tories would not just have to promise a referendum on greater federalism or a single currency, but also to campaign against either of these encroachments on national sovereignty.

The two right-wing contenders for the leadership of the Tories have now staked their banners on different ground. Michael Portillo has come out against a referendum, arguing that firm leadership is all that is required. Mr Aitken, by contrast, is trying to portray himself as a more modern politician. He would doubtless say that the age of total parliamentary sovereignty has passed. Voters are no longer impressed by pressured decisions made in a heavily whipped House of Commons. They are better educated, the media are more pervasive, and Britain is starting to look very old-fashioned in the degree to which it disdains public participation in politics. Voters claim to feel disconnected from Westminster; the introduction of referendums for consultation on constitutional questions might help to bridge that gap.

Whether such a policy would harm Labour, however, is another matter. Mr Blair has already promised a referendum on proportional representation and has come extremely close to backing one on Europe. Referendums do not go against Labour party principles. Moreover, if voters believed that a Conservative Opposition would side with renegade Labour MPs to force referendums on constitutional Bills, as they did over devolution in the 1970s, then Labour's programme might not seem so frightening. There is danger for the Tories in Mr Aitken's otherwise attractive proposal: it might be seen as reassurance that it is at last safe to vote Labour.

A ROAD TOO FAR

The Transport Secretary is turning necessity into a virtue

The Government's acceptance of a report that new roads can and do lead to increases in traffic is as welcome as it is important. Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, has used the report to announce sharp cuts and postponements in the road-building programme, concentrating all future spending on developing the existing network. Here is the overdue acknowledgement that the cost of building more roads is now increasing politically as well as financially.

The report by the Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Roads Assessment is all the more authoritative because it does not lobby for any preference; it merely reflects the advice given to help the Transport Department to assess priorities. From such dry, technical minutiae are policies most sensibly distilled. Although many have long believed that new roads lead to more traffic, citing the M25 as the most compelling example, evidence to support this conviction is not readily available.

Any transport policy must balance the additional economic activity generated by better roads against the self-defeating gridlock that results. This report, for the first time, takes into account those drivers who switch from one route to another because of a new road, those who change their destination to take advantage of increased accessibility, those who previously used public transport, those whose journeys were caused by a change in land use and those who previously did not travel.

From now on, this new method will be used to assess each new road scheme. Six that were due to begin this year have already been postponed. Dr Mawhinney has shown courage in defying what has long been the excessive Whitehall clout of the roads lobby; he has also understood that while each car owner may, in the short term, curse a government that refuses to build faster and better roads, that person is also a voter equally appalled by the damage roads do to the quality of life.

With such a high proportion of all traffic going by road, a moratorium on all road-building would be as foolish as economically damaging. But the new assessment methods will bolster not only the case for public transport, but, a frustrated travelling public must hope, also the cash for it. Dr Mawhinney's department was one of the big losers of the budget; if some of the money to be saved from the trunk road programme can be judiciously invested in public transport, he may yet persuade more Britons to leave their cars at home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tory MPs' loyalty and reclaiming middle-ground votes

From Mr William Cash, MP for Stafford (Conservative)

Sir, It is dishonesty not disunity which is destroying the Conservative Party. Peter Riddell (December 17) blames "squabbling" and supports the Prime Minister's call for unity, apparently at any price.

On this basis, "loyalty" means going along with decisions, come what may, over remaining in the catastrophic ERM, the discredited Maastricht Treaty, the refusal to hold a referendum, the retreat over qualified majority voting, the hypocrisy of our relations in Strasbourg with the European People's Party, unnecessarily turning the Eurofinance Bill into a matter of confidence and then threatening the party and the country with collective suicide, at the same time as claiming the praise for the "recovery" when it is merely an accident of being wrong over the ERM.

And it is not just "Europe". We have broken our manifesto pledges over tax and public expenditure. The frequency with which the courts declare ministerial acts illegal, without resignations, undermines confidence in government and is symptomatic of a deeper malaise: a refusal to accept blame or error or worse — then blaming others who warned in advance and have been proved right. Every week we have yet another humiliation to endure.

It comes down to this — principle, policy and judgment do not matter. "Theirs not to reason why . . .", but at least the Light Brigade was charging in the right direction, with valour and a sense of patriotic duty. The Opposition do not have the answers — we must find them for ourselves. Then we will win back the trust of the nation.

Yours faithfully,
BILL CASH,
House of Commons.
December 18.

From Mr Patrick Cormack, MP for Staffordshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Some of my colleagues are suggesting that the reason we did so badly at Dudley (reports, December 17, 19) is that the Government is not right-wing enough. As one who has represented an adjacent seat for nearly a quarter of a century I would beg to differ.

I have no doubt Dudley was lost, and that the battle for the next election will be fought, on the middle ground. We are hardly going to win back those who have gone over to Labour by moving to the right. Few British people respond warmly to doctrinaire politics, or extreme attitudes.

In 1979 they were fed up with what they saw as an inexorable drift to the left, and by the fact that their Government seemed to have neither cohesion nor authority. Of course there were those in the Labour Party after 1979 who said that the only way back to power was by moving further leftwards. The results of the three subsequent general elections hardly vindicated their judgment.

Today people in "Middle England" are fed up, among other things, with what they see as a doctrinaire championing of privatisation. They do not, for the moment at least, want any more, a view that has been reinforced by the recent crass insensitivity of British Gas.

What people (especially many of the 53 per cent who did not vote in Dudley) want is calm and moderate and competent Government, which keeps the peace at home, the value of our currency, and promotes Britain in a strong Europe of nation states.

I believe that John Major is better equipped than anyone else at the moment, right or left, to lead that Government. It is up to those of us on the back benches, as well as those on the front, to give him the backing he needs. If we do, the tide could soon turn, for one of the reasons we did so incredibly badly at Dudley was that our organisation was lacklustre, and our workers were demoralised. They were demoralised because we had made them confused.

I remain convinced that victory at the next general election could still be ours — but only if those who are suggesting unwanted prescriptions are prepared to row in behind the Prime Minister who, as he has shown in Northern Ireland, is rather more capable of reading public moods and tackling delicate situations than they are.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK CORMACK,
House of Commons.
December 19.

Contacts in Britain with the KGB during Cold War

From the Reverend Canon Paul Oestreicher

Sir, Oleg Gordievsky, reflecting on the role of the KGB in Britain, correctly indicates to Anne McElvoy ("*The Guardian* and the KGB", December 15), that he and I became friends in the course of meeting professionally, he as a Soviet diplomat, I as secretary of the division of international affairs of the British Council of Churches. This may lead some to assume that I was in some way caught up in a web of international espionage. Nothing so sinister or romantic.

It was a routine part of my job to meet diplomats stationed in Britain, American, Soviet and others, whose task it was to be informed on the life of British institutions, including the Churches. From my point of view, the more accurately they were informed, the better. These meetings were not related to my public support for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

My conversations with Oleg Gordievsky ranged widely and were always stimulating. I had every opportunity to put on record the Churches' anger at Soviet infringements of human rights. Gordievsky was only too well aware that, as a former chairman of the British section of Amnesty International, I was for many years refused visas to visit the Churches in Russia.

Whether he knew — as I now know from my East German Stasi file — that another section of the KGB had me listed as a suspected MI6 agent, I have not yet asked him. Quite wrongly, the Stasi assumed that my commitment to the peace movement was simply a cover. So deep was Soviet paranoia.

I knew neither that Gordievsky was a senior KGB agent nor that he was working for British intelligence. But when this became public knowledge I was not altogether surprised. His wit marked him out as someone rather special. His last request to me before his world collapsed around him was for a Russian Bible concordance. No ordinary Soviet diplomat would ask for — and get — such a present.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL OESTREICHER
(Director of International Ministry, Coventry Cathedral),
7 Priory Row, Coventry.
December 17.

From Sir John Lawrence

Sir, I knew the late Peter Smollett, who was included in Christopher Andrew's article, "Moscow's literary agents" (December 9), very well. During the Second World War, when he was head of the Ministry of Information's Anglo-Soviet liaison section, I was press attaché at the British Embassy in Moscow. Peter was very pro-Soviet, as many people were in those days, but I should be surprised if he ever took "red gold".

I well remember his articles of 1936-37 on the Russian Arctic, to which Mr Andrew refers. I do not know exactly what he was shown that led him to the absurd conclusion that "the Gulag . . . was a pioneering institution designed to reform criminals", but I do know that he repented of this conclusion. After the war, he told me: "I cannot understand why I was taken in when the evidence was before my eyes."

Mr Andrew also refers to the KGB claim that they had planted five agents in the central committee of the World Council of Churches. The position was much more complicated than one would think.

I was at a meeting of the committee in Paris, shortly after the Russian churches joined the World Council in 1961, and I had written an article in the *Ecumenical Review* which mentioned the possibility of political motives. Dr Visser 't Hooft, the General Secretary, came up to me and said: "The Russians are furious at what you wrote. What have you done?"

When no one was looking, however, the Russians came up to me, kissed me and thanked me for my article. The Soviet representatives had to back their Government, but in secret many of them were opposed to it.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
24 St Leonard's Terrace, SW3.

From Mr Michael Ivens

Sir, The Richard Gott case gives me a feeling of inferiority at never having been offered inducements by the KGB or the CIA to become an "agent of influence".

To make matters worse, I had the indignity of being asked for money by a CIA front!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL IVENS,
Aims of Industry,
40 Doughty Street, WC1.
December 13.

Trials on TV

From Mr Richard Sutton

Sir, Publicity in *The Sunday Times* (The Culture, December 4) for an episode of *The Trial* on BBC2 concerning one Jorge Leandro states: "Leandro's smart court clothes were bought by the sympathetic producer." This surely is a clear demonstration of one of the dangers of televising real trials: the fictionalising of the truth, making things or people seem what they are not.

Where does such conduct end? Suggesting ways in which a witness or defendant could give his evidence more persuasively? Suggesting soundbite-worthy lines of cross-examination to defence counsel? The subtle perversion of the process?

Real trials are about vulnerable individuals whose private lives are in pieces. Synthetic, ratings-seeking television has no place in them.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SUTTON,
Chambers of Andrew Campbell, QC,
10 Park Square,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
December 12.

Dressing the part

From the Reverend E. M. T. Underhill

Sir, Alan Franks's article, "An exercise in staying a step ahead of the rest" (December 12), on the popularity of rambling as "sport for all", is surely most irresponsibly inflationary. One has to wonder whether he has a financial interest in Gore-Tex material and fleece-lined articles. The total cost of his suggested rambler's winter wardrobe is a staggering £645.

Quite apart from including many unnecessary and over-priced articles, his winter rambler will be so overheated that his performance and enjoyment will be severely curtailed. Mr Franks omits a woollen sweater, which is probably the most important single item in any rambler's equipment.

In place of £70 for moleskin walking trousers I can recommend a visit to Oxfam shops for some good tweed breeches — (mine brand new) at £1.50 in an Oxfam sale, or £4.50, from Oxfam again.

One item in your list is, in my opinion, under-priced. What sort of a shirt can you buy now for £20? Try Oxfam again (or Save the Children or Cancer Research) for Viyella shirts at a fiver apiece. Ladies' Viyella blouses come in at even less.

Sir, my wife and I are, we consider, among the best dressed couples on the fells this winter.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD UNDERHILL,
St George's Vicarage,
327 Durham Road,
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.
December 12.

From Professor R. A. Smith

Sir, Alan Franks kits out his winter "rambler" with £705 of equipment and clothing. However, it is not compulsory to climb the North Wall of the Eiger or to visit Antarctica in one's first season.

Yours sincerely,
RODERICK A. SMITH,
University of Sheffield,
Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering,
Mappin Street,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
December 13.

Channel 4 funding

From the Managing Director of Meridian Broadcasting Ltd

Sir, The proposal put forward by Mr Jeremy Isaacs and others on Channel 4's funding (letter, December 12) would destroy the basis on which companies were invited to tender for ITV licences.

The Channel 4/ITV funding formula was not just "a well intentioned device to protect Channel 4". Parliament was told that the safety net formula was intended "to ensure that the income of the Channel 4 Television Corporation can be reasonably predicted. Should the income fall below what is prescribed, there is provision for a top-up; if it is above, for a claw-back". It has the effect of smoothing the effect of changes in the balance in revenue between Channel 4 and the different ITV companies.

By early next year, ITV companies will not have received, as suggested, "all they expected to get from Channel 4 over the full period of the licence". The companies' business plans remain confidential, but Meridian will certainly not have received the revenue anticipated in our 1991 plan by early next year.

In the year July 1, 1993, to June 30, 1994, Meridian Broadcasting made a profit of £3.7 million. In the period of January 1 to December 31, 1993, Meridian Broadcasting received £4.2 million by virtue of the Channel 4/ITV formula. That revenue plays a significant role in Meridian's ability to fund its service, and we anticipate it will one day also contribute to ensuring a fair return to investors.

Last year Channel 4 told the National Heritage Select Committee (October 19, 1993): We are satisfied that the funding formula . . . should remain as defined by statute." It was a fundamental fixed element in the ITV tendering process and is guaranteed in its current form by legislation until 1997. It is reflected in the level of bid payments to the Treasury, and if it were to be adjusted, the bids of ITV1 companies like Meridian would need to be adjusted at the same time.

There is a good case for revising the complex financial arrangements and inter-relationships imposed by the 1990 Broadcasting Act. But the issue of Channel 4 funding cannot be tackled in isolation.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER LAUGHTON,
Managing Director,
Meridian Broadcasting Ltd,
48 Leicester Square, WC2.

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Fate of libraries in Alexandria

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, Daniel Johnson's assertion, in his omnibus review of Gibbon's *Decline and Fall* (December 10), to the effect that Archbishop Theophilus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, was responsible for the destruction of "the unique library of Alexandria" is misleading. Gibbon referred to the "valuable library of Alexandria" — not the unique library — "which was pillaged or destroyed".

History shows that there were two libraries. Gibbon is referring here to the Serapeum, a small library which formed part of the temple of Serapis, and was destroyed following the imperial edict of Theodosius in AD 389 which promulgated the destruction of all pagan temples and artefacts.

There is no evidence that this library was burnt, however. In Gibbon's own words, "nearly twenty years afterwards the appearance of the empty shelves excited the regret and indignation of every spectator", and his reference to pillaging suggests that it may have been looted by the bibliophiles of the time, including the clergy, and the rolls and manuscripts thereby preserved.

The larger library was the Brucheion, which suffered many vicissitudes. From the first librarian Zednodotus (234 BC) to the supposed destruction of the library in AD 640, there are several historical references to the loss of hundreds of thousands of manuscripts and rolls, chiefly by fire.

The received account of the destruction of the famous library is that the conquering Caliph Omar, when asked in AD 640 whether it should survive, said: "If these writings of the Greeks agree with the book of God (the Koran), they are useless, and need not be preserved; if they disagree, they are pernicious, and ought to be destroyed."

There is no reliable evidence to support this myth, since the first recorded mention was not made until six centuries later, by one writer, Abulpharagius. There is no mention by earlier writers, and Gibbon, for this reason, refers to the story merely as a "curious anecdote". The apocryphal dictat of the Caliph is the first example of what has come to be known as Catch 22.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
13 Lynwood Road, Ealing, W5.
December 10.

From Mr R. V. Taylor

Sir, The "bold, bad" Archbishop Theophilus may have influenced the Christian mob to burn the library at Alexandria in AD 389 (doubtless inspired by Queen Zenobia of Palmyra's efforts in AD 269) but he certainly led the destruction of the temple library in Serapis in 390.

St Cyril joined in the fun in 415, for good measure murdering the director, Hypatia, by having her flayed alive with broken oyster shells.

Whether such "cultural arson" could occur today will depend upon our vigilance against fascists, fatwahs and VAT.

Yours sincerely,
R. V. TAYLOR,
14 Waxes Close,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
December 11.

Future of the Rock

From Mr M. Brufal de Melgarejo

Sir, My fellow Gibraltarians were delighted by the words of encouragement in today's leader, "Gibraltarian practices", and the coverage given to the latest siege of the Rock on both the features and news pages.

The Gibraltar problem can be solved by the British Government by simply granting integration to the Gibraltarians. This was refused in 1975 by the Labour Government and by the Conservative Government earlier this year.

The Chief Minister and the Speaker of the House of Assembly are founder members of the Integration With Britain Party. This party won the 1969 election and ruled Gibraltar for three years. The Chief Minister, during every meeting with the Foreign Secretary, requests integration as a matter of course, and in turn this request is politely refused.

Today the call for self-determination is a coded call for integration, as any referendum would result in an overwhelming vote for Gibraltar to be integrated into the mother country with our own member of Parliament and the right to vote in the European elections.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BRUFAL de MELGAREJO
(London Correspondent, *Gibraltar Chronicle*),
24 Guernsey Drive,
Ancells Farm, Fleet, Hampshire.
December 15.

A little learning

From Mr T. P. Goldingham

Sir, The Reverend Roger Whitehead assures us (letter, December 12) that the people of Fakenham Magna do not have "ideas above their station".

As a former Rector of Euston, he writes with authority on such matters.

Yours faithfully,
T. P. GOLDINGHAM,
76 Walker Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
December 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 16: The Princess Royal today visited Northern Ireland.

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this morning visited the Regiment in Belfast.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the Crumlin Road Prison Visitors' Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson).

Her Royal Highness later opened the Ardmore Royal Ulster Constabulary Station.

The Princess Royal afterwards attended a Reception for "Newry 80" at Newry Town Hall.

December 19: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Order of St Etheldreda, this afternoon visited Ely Cathedral and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

December 19: The Prince Edward, President, The Lord's Taverners, this evening held a Reception at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 19: The Prince of Wales today visited Wrexham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Clwyd (Sir William Gladstone, Bt).

His Royal Highness this morning visited Minera Lead Mines.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman, The Prince of Wales' Committee, later visited the committee's project at Felin Puleston, Erddig.

His Royal Highness, Chairman, The Prince of Wales' Committee, afterwards presented the committee's Prince of Wales Awards at the Memorial Hall.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this afternoon visited the Wrexham Technology Park to meet businesses assisted by his trust.

His Royal Highness subsequently opened the new Edward Llwyd Learning and Resource Centre, North East Wales Institute of Higher Education.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, president, will attend a performance of "Whistle Down the Wind", by the National Youth Music Theatre, at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, at 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Christmas celebrations in Westminster Cathedral at 6.45.

Memorial service

Mr Joseph Janni
A celebration of the life of Mr Joseph Janni and his achievements was held yesterday at the Italian Institute, Belgrave Square. Mr Nicholas Janni, son, Mr Leo Shepley, Mr Frederic Raphael, Lord Wyatt of Weeford, Mr Alan Bates, Ms Bernice Rubens and Mr John Schlesinger paid tribute.

Reception

Councillor Mrs Frank Taylor
Councillor Mrs Frank Taylor was received by the French Ambassador, His Excellency M Jean Gueguinou, yesterday at the French Embassy when he awarded her the distinction of "Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite".

Dinner

Lloyd's Golf Club
The Lord Mayor was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Mansion House to mark the centenary of Lloyd's Golf Club. Mr Murray Lawrence, president, was in the chair. Mr Philip Truett also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Wilson Croker, politician and writer, Galway, 1780; Thomas Graham, chemist, Glasgow, 1805; Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia 1939-41 and 1949-66, Jeparit, Victoria, 1894; George, Duke of Kent, Sandringham House, Norfolk, 1902.

DEATHS: Ambroise Paré, surgeon, Paris, 1590; Erich von Ludendorff, German First World War general, Munich, 1937; James Hilton, novelist, Long Beach, California, 1954; John Steinbeck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1962, New York, 1968; Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, Prime Minister of Spain 1973, assassinated, Madrid, 1973; Bobby Darin, singer, songwriter and actor, Hollywood, 1973; Artur Rubinstein, pianist, Geneva, 1982.

The first General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1560.

Louis Napoleon Bonaparte was proclaimed President of France, 1848.

Service dinner

Combined Cadet Force Association
General Sir Geoffrey Howlett presided at the annual dinner of Officers of the Combined Cadet Force Association held last night at the Imperial Hotel, London. Wing Commander A.V.M. Murray, of Fettes College, was the principal speaker.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Paul Spurgeon, Minor Canon of Ripon Cathedral w pastoral care of Sharow and Marton le Moor: to be Vicar, Lower Nidderdale (Ripon).

The Rev Stephen Startup, Assistant Curate, St Thomas, Oakwood: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Grange Park (London).

The Rev Andrew Stone, Vicar, Eastbourne St Andrew: now *also* Ecumenical Officer, Lewes area (Chichester).

The Rev David Swanepoel, Church of the Province of Southern Africa: now Curate (NSM), Hellingly and Upper Dicker (Chichester).

The Rev Canon Lawrence Toone, Priest-in-charge, St Chad, Limeside: to be *also* Area Dean of Saddleworth (Manchester).

The Rev Don Tordoff, Rector, Spennithorne w Finghall and Hauxwell: to be *also* Assistant Rural Dean of Wensley (Ripon).

The Rev Patrick Whitworth, Vicar, Christ Church, Gypsy Hill (Southwark): to be Rector, Bath Weston All Saints w North Stoke and Langridge (Bath and Wells).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev David Brewster, Vicar, Brockenhurst (Winchester): to retire as from June 30 1995.

The Rev Canon Noel Godwin, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, West Croydon (Southwark): to retire as from March 31 1995.

The Rev Kenneth Humphreys, Vicar, California St Mary and St John (Oxford): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Brian Meney, Vicar, The Epiphany, Gipton (Ripon): to retire on health grounds as from January 31, 1995.

The Rev Alan Rogers, Vicar, St George, Freezywater (London): to resign as from January 31 1995.

The Rev David Shaw, Priest-in-charge, Ramsden Crays w Ramsden Bellhouse (Chelmsford): to retire as from April 30, 1995.

The Rev John Stafford, Rector, Plumtree (Southwell): to retire as from February 28, 1995.

The Rev Geoffrey Ward, Rector, Cottingham, w East Carlton (Peterborough): to retire as from May 31, 1995.

Appointment

Mr John Goulden to be United Kingdom Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council and the United Kingdom Representative on the Permanent Council of the Western European Union at Brussels in succession to Sir John Weston who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Goulden will hold the personal rank of Ambassador.

Archaeology

Prehistoric dagger discloses secrets of 'painters in metal'

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

NEW evidence of the skill of prehistoric goldsmiths has come from the study of a Greek dagger 3,500 years old. Inlaid patterns were made with thin layers of gold alloys, some turned black by pickling in plant juices.

The artistic quality of Mycenaean metalwork, made in southern Greece between about 1600 and 1200 BC, has been famed since Heinrich Schliemann first dug up what he believed to be the tomb of Agamemnon more than a century ago. But the techniques of modern science have only recently discovered how these "painters in metal" achieved their most stunning effects.

The present study was made on a dagger blade some 16cm (6in) long, found in the Peloponnese and now in the Patras Museum; the work was carried out by the Fitch Laboratory of the British School at Athens, using a portable X-ray fluorescence (XRF) system that could be used in the museum itself. The bronze dagger blade is decorated with three inlaid dolphins on each face, shown twisting and diving in an imaginary sea. Each dolphin body consists of a black inlay, decorated with thin foils of gold, silver and copper; the dorsal fins and flippers are accentuated in gold, beaten very thin and hammered into the black surface.

The black material had always been assumed to be niello, a sulphide of copper, silver and/or lead made by heating the elements together. Niello is known from Roman times onwards, and was used as a decorative material for centuries, most recently in Tsarist Russia. Its presumed use by the Mycenaeans almost doubled the known antiquity of niello inlay ornament.

Careful scrutiny of the dagger showed that the black layer was only superficial, however, and the XRF analyses demonstrated that the inlay was mainly of copper, with 5-10 per cent gold and a little tin, silver and lead. The silver is likely to have been a natural impurity in the gold, and the alloy is close to what Pliny called "Corinthian Bronze".

Similar copper-gold alloys were used in medieval Japan; called *shakudo*, they were given a lustrous purple-black surface by pickling with the juice of grated radish root and boiling with copper salts, which caused the formation of a thin film of dark copper oxide on the surface.

"The constituents of the pickling agent would surely have been available to the Mycenaean smith had they adopted the procedure later used for *shakudo*, and an alternative plant to the radish is likely to exist in the Mediterranean flora," the investigators say, suggesting that experimental replication of the ancient technique is the best way of finding out how they achieved their startling effects.
#Source: *Archaeometry* 36: 267-275.



Jenny Agutter, the actress, is 42 today

Birthdays today

Mr Bill Abbott, governor, Pentonville Prison, 53; Mr Michael Beaumont, Seigneur of Sark, 67; Lord Brabazon of Tara, 48; Mr Simon Channing, former chairman, London Philharmonic, 34; Sir George Coldstream, QC, 87; Mr Malcolm Cooper, marksman, 47; Mr Peter Cundell, racehorse trainer, 46; Mr Charles Denton, producer, 57; Mr D.F. Gardner, chairman, Brixton Estate, 51; the Earl of Harrowby, 72; Mrs Ros Hepplewhite, former chief executive, Child Support Agency, 42; Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, 68; Miss Rachel Trickett, former Principal, St Hugh's College, Oxford, 71; Mr Karl Wendlinger, racing driver, 26; Mr John Whitney, former director-general, IBA, 64; Mr John Wilkins, Editor, *The Tablet*, 58.

University news

Manchester
Recent grants include:
Action Research
Localization and functional expression of glutamate receptors (AMPA and NMDA) in human brain in the neonatal period and later infancy and childhood. Dr S W D'Souza and Dr P Slater. £84,945.
ADV Micro Dev Inc
Speech compression and processing. Professor C Xydeas, £136,107.
A & RC
ARC Epidemiology Research Unit Core Account, Professor A J Silman. £898,194.
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
Molecular mechanisms of integrin-immunoglobulininteractions, Dr M J Humphries. £232,444.
BBSRC
The role of integrins in morphogenesis and differentiation of mammary gland. Dr C H Streuli, £177,504.
Transformation of Fusarium graminearum and use of this fungus to produce heterologous protein. Professor A P J Trinci. £151,600.
Regulation of immediate post-START events during cell division in budding yeast. Dr J Rosamond. £131,956.
British Diabetic Association
The non-invasive and objective assessment of change in retinal contour and thickness in subjects undergoing laser photocoagulation for diabetic macular oedema. Professor D McLeod. £68,082.
Broome Research Trust (Supplementary)
Tri-national case control study of cardiovascular disease in young women. Professor S P Donnan and Professor C N McCollum. £137,000.
Cancer Research
The molecular basis of cell cohesion in normal and neoplastic cells. Professor D R Garrod. £188,588.
Paediatric and Familial Cancer Research Group: core support. Dr J M Birch. £133,612.
Cray Communications Ltd
Speech processing and voice compression. Professor C Xydeas. £165,232.
Department of Health
Evaluation of social work intervention for self-poisoning in children and adolescents. Professor R C Harrington. £253,706.
DHSS (Supplementary)
Contract for Primary Care Research Rolling contract. Professor D H H Metcalfe. £204,598.
EEC
European concerted action on anti-coagulation. Dr L Poller. £337,500.
CAGSE: Concerted action into genetic services in Europe. Professor R Harris. £303,750.
SODA - Shared Memory on Distributed Architectures. Professor J R Gurd. £225,000.
New materials for optical applications by sol-gel processing. Professor T A King. £201,655.
EPSRC
A national service for continuous-wave multi-frequency electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy. Dr D Collison and Dr F E Mabbs. £605,063.
Application specific verification techniques for hierarchical asynchronous digital design. Dr D A Edwards, Mr G D Gough, and Professor H Barringer. £227,924.
Parallel architectures for electronic patient records. Miss C A Goble and Professor J R Gurd. £167,337.
Structure-reactivity relationships in borohydride reductions. Dr C I F Watt. £162,306.
Pulsed field gradient NMR methods for the analysis of complex mixtures. Dr G A Morris. £133,641.
Successful management of technology in mergers and acquisitions. Dr L G Georghiou and Professor J S Metcalfe. £123,946.
ICL
European CAD standards integration project - ESIP. Miss H J Kahn. £459,000.
National Kidney Research
Steroid modulation of peptide hormone action at renal cell level. Dr R J Balment. £37,050.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D.S. Adams and Miss D.E. Gordon
The engagement is announced between James, second son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Roderick Adams, of West Dulwich, London, and Deborah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Gordon, of St Elizabeth, Jamaica.

Mr A.J. Cator and Miss V.K. Pank
The engagement is announced between Albemarle John, elder son of Mr John Cator, of Woodbastwick, Norfolk, and the late Lady Adeane, and Victoria Katharine, only daughter of Major General and Mrs David Pank.

Mr G.M. Chambers and Miss S.J. Dickens
The engagement is announced between Gordon Manson Chambers, of The Manor House, Ailsworth, and Susan Julia Dickens, of Stable House, Helpston Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough.

Mr P.A. Fincham and Miss E.C.A. Lewthwaite
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Arthur Fincham, of Beckenham, Kent and the late Mrs Arthur Fincham, and Clare, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Julian Lewthwaite, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

M F. Jacquot and Miss C.J. Beale
The engagement is announced between Fabien, only son of M and Mme Didier Jacquot, of Blois, France, and Camilla Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Beale, of Weston Patrick, Hampshire.

Mr A.W. Lang and Miss E.J. Toynbee
The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lang, of Glaston, Rutland, and Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Toynbee, of Old Tong Farm, Brenchley, Kent.

Mr P.D. Smiley and Miss S.H. Kim
The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs David Smiley, of London, and So-Hyung, younger daughter of General and Mrs Young-Woo Kim, of Seoul, Korea.

Mr P.T. Sychta and Miss B.I. Thorne
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Dr Stanislaw Sychta and of Mrs Daphne Sychta, and Bridget, eldest daughter of Sir Peter and Lady Anne Thorne.

Mr A.M.N. Mustoe and Miss R.E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Arthur Michael Nelson, only son of Mr and Mrs Nigel John Lake Mustoe, of Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, and Rachel Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth John Davies, of Chester.

Lieutenant J.Le S. Perks, RN, and Miss A.L. Chinn
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mrs Ruby Le Seelleur, of Gorey, Jersey, and Mr Ray Perks, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, and Louise Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Chinn, of Thurlaston, Warwickshire.

Mr E.J.A. Sale and Miss H.C. Irvine
The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Robert Sale and of Mrs Sale, of Dowdeswell, Gloucestershire, and Hester, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Irvine, of Hook Norton, Oxfordshire.

Mr B. Walker and Miss A.J. Page
The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of the late Edward Walker and of Mrs Walker, of Chester-le-Street, County Durham, and Angela Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Page, of Willinghurst, Shamley Green, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr T.J. Batstone and Miss N.J. Martin
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 17, 1994, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, between Mr Timothy Batstone, second son of the late Mr John Batstone, FRCS, and of Mrs Hilary Batstone, of London, SW1, and Miss Natasha Martin, daughter of the late Mr Stefan Martin and of Mrs Paula Martin, of Broadstairs, Kent. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated. The Hon Martin Fiennes was best man.

Mr J.J. Crawley and Mrs C. Jones
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 10, 1994, at St Anne's Church, Southampton, Bermuda, of Mr Jonathan Crawley, eldest son of the late Mr David Crawley and of Mrs Raymonde Pollard, of Hingham, Norfolk, to Mrs Caralie Jones, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul County, of Tampa, Florida.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax):
Nora Monica **Allton**, of Cranbrook, Kent........£514,827
Mr Frederick Maurice **Butler**, of Cheam, Surrey..... £606,643
Mrs Dorothy Mary **Feather**, of Cononley, North Yorkshire........................ £643,917
Mr Charles Adrian **Gee**, of Purley, Surrey.......... £626,097
Mrs Marian **Gerrish**, of West Horsley, Surrey £619,401
Mr Vincent Frank **Griffith**, of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset £576,080
Frances Josephine **Parbury**, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.. £579,806
Kathleen Beatrice Doreen **Paskell**, of Watford, Hertfordshire..... £622,233
Mr Suleman **Patel**, of Gloucester................... £521,633
Mrs Audrey Margaret **Pipe**, of Ipswich, Suffolk..... £547,127
Mr Walter Charles **Poole**, of Felsham, Suffolk........ £527,310
Elli **Rethymnis**, of London NW8....................... £608,572
Mr Clive Wallace **Wheeler**, of Ryde, Isle of Wight ... £756,445
Mr Richard Henry **Stephens**, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire............. £573,352
Mr Sidney Charles **Tayler**, of Haslemere, Surrey ... £591,154
Mr Vincent Mervyn **Taylor**, of London SW6, late solicitor................. £1,407,620

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BIRTHS

ATKINSON - To Adam and Heather (née Towell) their first child, a daughter, Bethia Philippa Ann. Born on 13th December at the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London.

BIRKHOLD - On December 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra (née Warren-Smith) and Thomas, a beautiful daughter, Nicole Michaela.

BREARE - On December 10th 1994, to Susan (née Nangle) and Robert, a son, George, a brother for Tom.

BRINKHORST - On 15th December, in Kristiansund, Norway, to Rosalind (née Pike) and Jan Willem, a daughter, Beatrice Rosalind Wilhelmina.

CLARKE - On 15th December, for Sally and Stephen, a daughter, Sophie Viola.

CURATI-ALASONATTI - On 16th December at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Judith (née Payne) and Walter, a beautiful daughter, Clotilde Emma (9lbs 2oz).

FALLE - On 15th December 1994, to Allison (née Dwyer) and Andrew, a son, Jonathan Andrew.

GRANT - On December 15th 1994, to Susie and Peter, a daughter, Phoebe Katherine Alice, a sister for Emily, George, Henry & Laurence.

HOWARD-LUCK - On December 12th, to Linda (née Domville) and Michael, a daughter, Camilla Alessandra, a sister for Georgina.

HUNTRODS - On December 4th, to Catherine (née Mallin) and Crispin, a daughter, Jessica-Claire Louise, a sister for twins James and Benjamin.

OXENHAM - On December 8th, to Jenny and John, a daughter, Grace Caroline.

PAGE-MORRIS - On December 17th 1994, to Geoffrey and Christine, a son, Charles Anthony.

PRYOR - On 19th December 1994, at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Fran (née Merrick) and Matthew, a son, Benedict Thomas Edwin.

ROBERTSON - On December 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Samantha Lawless and Scott Robertson, a lovely baby daughter - Scarlett.

ROBINSON - On December 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Gemma and Timothy, a beautiful daughter, Camille Colleen, their first-born child.

ROSTRON - On 18th December at Kings College, to Beverly and Simon, a daughter - Imogen Victoria Chandler.

SHARKEY - On Sunday 18th December, to Sara and Alex, a son, Joseph Peter Alexander.

WARDLE - On December 13th, to Caroline (née Thomas) and Douglas, a son, James Alexander, a brother for Richard and George.

WESTON - On 16th December, to Phyllis (née Robinson) and Mike, a daughter, Claire Louise, a sister to Alexander.

DEATHS

ANSELL - On 16th December suddenly but peacefully at home, Elizabeth aged 77. Service Chichester Crematorium Wednesday 28th December at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations, if desired, for Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY.

CHESTERS - On December 14th, peacefully in Machon Bank, Jack aged 88. Dearly loved husband of Nell. Cremation at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on Wednesday December 21st 3 pm. Enquiries to S.E. Funeral Services, tel: (0742) 724661.

DYAS - On 18th December, peacefully in hospital after a short illness bravely borne, Helen Margaret Dyas (née Morphy), adored wife of Pat, much loved mother of Hilary, Nicky, Mary-Ann and Dinah and grandmother of Alexander and Olivia. Family funeral at St Mary's Parish Church, Horsham, on Friday December 23rd at 2pm, followed by cremation. A Memorial and Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Mary's Parish Church, Horsham, on Wednesday January 11th 1995 at 2 pm. Donations, if desired, to The Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, London.

FINCH - Roland Edward George (Bob) of Wissington Grange, Nayland, Suffolk, on 17th December, aged 87, peacefully at home after a short illness. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Wiston, Nayland, Suffolk, on Friday 23rd December at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Hunt Servants' Benevolent Society or Injured Jockeys' Fund. Enquiries to W.H. Shephard Ltd., tel: (0206) 572305.

FREEDMAN - On December 19th peacefully at home, Simon Sydney, Ophthalmic Surgeon, aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Mary and loving father of Pat, Tina and Peter, much loved grandfather of Victoria and Alexandra, father-in-law of Roger and Barbara, dear brother of Dennis. Funeral Service at Jevington Church, Sussex, on Thursday December 22nd at 10.15 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Friends of the Eastbourne Hospitals, or Masonic charities.

GUNN - On 17th December at home near Emsworth after a short illness, Gwendoline Muriel aged 85. Loved wife of the late Ronald Hamilton and much loved mother of George and sister to Kenneth William. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium Friday 23rd December at 2pm. Enquiries to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, tel: (0243) 782136.

HEBBLETHWAITE - Peter, died peacefully at home 18th December 1994, aged 64. Requiem Mass at St Aloysius, Oxford, 11 am Friday 23rd December. Enquiries to Reeves and Pain 0865 242629.

HENDERSON - George Fairley on December 16th, aged 74, peacefully in hospital after a courageous fight against cancer lasting over 30 years. Loving husband of Doreen and father of John, Simon and Bill; proud grandfather to eleven of their children. Private funeral. Donations if desired to the League of Friends of Malmesbury Hospital.

HOCKLIFFE - On 18th December 1994, peacefully in Minehead, Christine aged 93. Beloved widow of Maurice. Dearest mother of Quentin, Gillian and Daphne. Cremation private.

HURD - On December 18th, Doris May of Bexhill-on-Sea, aged 88 years. Cremation at Eastbourne on Wednesday December 28th at 11.30 am. Flowers to Mummery F/D, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

HYNES - On December 18th, peacefully, Sylvia Geraldine, widow of Captain W.B. Hynes R.N. D.S.O. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium Thursday 22nd December at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

LONG - On December 18th 1994, peacefully at Barham House Nursing Home in Kent, Gladys Lilian Bertha aged 84. Dearly beloved mother of Christopher and Elizabeth, much loved grandmother of Tim and Kate, Toby and Charlie. Funeral Service at St Giles', Kingston, near Canterbury, on Friday December 23rd at 12.30 pm followed by a private cremation. Donations to the Alzheimers Disease Society c/o C.W. Lyons & Sons, 70 Military Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1ND, tel: (0227) 463808. Family flowers only please.

LUPINO - On December 15th 1994, Peter, of Farnham. Doyen of the Theatrical dynasty. Husband of the late Beatrix (Trixie).

MACNAUGHTON - On 18th December 1994, in hospital at Fordcombe, Kent, Caroline Jean (June), aged 89, beloved mother of Blair, Patricia, Margaret and Eileen and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday 21st December at 2.30 pm, followed by interment of ashes at Moulin Kirk, Pitlochry.

McWILLIAM - Peacefully at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, on December 17th, David John, much loved younger son of Iain and Eileen, only brother of Alastair, brother-in-law of Belinda and uncle of Charlotte and Georgina. Funeral on Friday December 23rd, service at 2.40 pm in Llandaff Cathedral (Lady Chapel), afterwards to Thornhill Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to James Pidgeon & Son Funeral Directors, Cardiff, tel: (0222) 226604.

MEADOWS - On December 18th 1994, Francis Edwin aged 82 years, peacefully at home. Dearly loved husband of Colina and beloved uncle, great-uncle and friend to his nieces, nephews and family. Funeral Service at Woking St Johns Crematorium, Hermitage Road, St Johns, at 12 midday December 22nd 1994.

METCALFE - Cynthia Marie, passed away peacefully 17th December 1994. Greatly loved sister of Iris, Jacqueline and Noël Percy. Funeral private.

O'SULLIVAN - Agnes Annie (née Bailey) died 13th December in Hammersmith Hospital. Beloved mother of Brigid, Richard and Kevin and private interment at Mortlake Wednesday 21st December. No flowers please. Deeply loved, much missed.

PAUL - B.A. (Contam). On 15th December, peacefully at the County Hospital. Raymond (W) of Southbank Road, Hereford, aged 65 years. Greatly loved and missed by all his family. The funeral service will be held at St Paul's Church, Tupsley, Thursday 22nd December at 1.15 pm, followed by cremation. No flowers. If desired donations for the R.N.L.I. may be sent to Dawe Bros., 115 Westfaling Street, Hereford.

PHILLIPS - Miss Mollie Doreen Phillips O.B.E., J.P. Died peacefully in London, in the early hours of December 15th 1994. She will be very sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues. Funeral Service on Thursday December 22nd at St Peter's Church, Carmarthen at 1.30 pm, followed by burial at Oystermouth Cemetery, Swansea, at 3.15 pm. Flowers and all enquiries to Oliver Evans & Son, Funeral Directors, 128 Priory Street, Carmarthen, Dyfed SA31 1NB, tel: (0267) 236226.

PILKINGTON - On 17th December, suddenly, Vivien Mary (Dodie), much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Michael's and All Angels, Highclere, 12 noon Friday 23rd December. Family flowers only please. Donations in her memory to Highclere Church c/o Camp Hopson of Newbury.

PITT-LEWIS - On December 14th, peacefully after a very short illness, Jane (née Reiche) aged 40 years. A much loved wife, mother, daughter and friend. Funeral Service at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, on Thursday 22nd December 1994 at 12.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Thorley Community Centre Appeal Fund c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons Ltd., 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 3AL.

SAVAGE - Dr. Thomas Raymond, F.R.C.P. passed away peacefully at home on Monday 19th December 1994, aged 82 years. Sadly missed by his wife Elizabeth and all his loving family. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, High Easter, Chelmsford, on Friday 23rd December 1994 at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations made payable to A.S.B.A.H. and all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., Haslers Lane, Gt. Dunmow, Essex CM6 1XS.

SELIGMAN - Geoffrey Charles, on Saturday, 17th December, beloved husband of Merrie, dear father of Jill, Charles and David, and adoring grandfather. Funeral on Wednesday, 21st December at 11 am at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11. No flowers and no memorial service, by request.

SIMPSON - (née Kidston) Susan, on December 17th 1994, at home, much loved wife of Jim, mother of Hugh, Amanda and grandmother of Thomas and Claire. Cremation Service at Wrexham Crematorium on Friday December 23rd at 11am. Family flowers only please. Service of Thanksgiving on Monday January 9th 1995 at St Oswald's Church, Malpas, Cheshire at 2 pm. Enquiries please to E. Biggins Funeral Directors, Malpas, tel: (0948) 662338.

SOMERVILLE-COTTON - On December 17th 1994, peacefully, Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey James (Jamie) Somerville-Cotton, late The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. Beloved husband of Meryll (Agatha) and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral on Thursday December 22nd, 12.30 pm at St Michael's Church, Atworth, Wilts. Flowers, enquiries to D.J. Bewley, 49 Round Ponds, Melksham, 0225 702521. Donations if desired to The Royal United Hospital, Bath - Ward 7.

STEVENS - Benjamin Clive Ralph G.M., on 15th December 1994, peacefully at home, aged 86. Funeral at Enfield Crematorium on Thursday 22nd December at 3.15 pm. No flowers please. Any donations to North Middlesex Hospital (Truth Ward).

SYMONDSON - Dr. John Elling MRCS LRCP, of Landscape, Kinnerley, nr. Oswestry, on 16th December 1994. Husband of Alicia, father of Catherine Proctor and Virginia Furness, grandfather of Harley, Amy, Charlotte and Morgan. Funeral Service on Wednesday 21st December 1994 at Kinnerley Parish Church at 11.30 am. Family cremation later. No flowers.

TAYLOR - John Charles Alfred, peacefully in hospital on December 13th. Dearly loved by his wife Margaret, David, Sally, Amanda and Nicola and his many friends. We will all greatly miss this most gentle of men. Service and committal at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 11.30am on Wednesday 21st December.

TONG - On 17th December 1994, peacefully at home, Colonel Robert Tong OBE, aged 82. Registrar and Secretary of Queen Mary College, University of London. No flowers please, but donations to Lifespan Healthcare, Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely. Funeral Service at 2.15 pm on Thursday December 22nd 1994 at Cambridge City Crematorium. Memorial Service to be arranged at a later date. Enquiries to Ely Funeral Service, Tower Road, Ely, tel: (01353) 666566.

VERNEY - The Hon. Dorothy Ceciley (Don), peacefully at home on December 16th, aged 87 years. Much loved by all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Laurence Church, Lighthorne, on Thursday December 22nd at 2.30 pm.

WATSON - Catherine Elsie, peacefully at the General Hospital Jersey, on Thursday 15th December 1994, in her 84th year. Widow of the late Norman Watson and beloved mother of Suzanne, mother-in-law of Robert, loving grandmother of David, Jonathan and Scott, Ontario Canada. Funeral Service to take place in Jersey. Enquiries to Pitcher & Le Quesne Funeral Directors tel: (01534) 35330.

WESTON - Roy C.M., on December 11th 1994. Sales Director Middle East and Africa for B.F. Goodrich Company Ltd. His enthusiasm and dedication will be sadly missed by many friends and colleagues in the Chemical Industry. Our deepest sympathies go out to Anita, Sally, David and Bruce. Funeral 2 pm Wednesday 21st St Lawrence Church, Bridle Road, Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex. The burial will be 2.45 pm. Donations may be sent to Arthritis Care c/o T.A. Ellement & Sons Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 3HR. (Tel: 081-866 0329).

WYATT-WILLIAMS - Jack F.C.A., aged 93 years. Suddenly at home on 17th December, dearly beloved husband of Frances and dear uncle of Diana and Peter. Church Service at St Mary Abbott's Church, W8, on Wednesday 21st December at 10.30 am. Private cremation for family only. No letters or flowers please. Donations may be sent to Injured Jockey's Fund. All enquiries to John Nodes Funeral Service, 181 Ladbroke Grove, W10, tel: (081) 969-1819.

MARRIAGES

TORRANCE-EARL - On Saturday December 17th in Tunbridge Wells: David, youngest son of the late Lt. Col. A. Walt Torrance MBE, TD and of Mrs Isobel Torrance of Barnes, London, to Judith, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs Dennis Greig of Four Elms, Kent.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

GEORGE - Clinton and Kathleen. Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

COBBOLD - Patrick Mark. The funeral service will take place at Little Glemham Church, Suffolk, on Friday December 23rd 1994 at 11am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired made payable to St Andrew's Little Glemham P.C.C. may be sent to Farthing Singleton & Hastings, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich. A memorial service will be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HAYWOOD - A Memorial Service for Brigadier I.R. Haywood QHS L/RAMC will be held on Saturday 7th January 1995 at 12 noon in The Garrison Church, Woolwich, SE18.

SHUCKBURGH - A service of remembrance for Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh will take place at St Mary's Church, Ewelme, Oxfordshire, on Saturday 7th January at 12 noon. Enquiries tel: (0491) 612433.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CARPENTER - Miss V.E. Formerly of Dame Alice Owen's Girls' School, Islington. A kind and generous friend who loved Christmas. Remembered by her friends, particularly B.V.F. and family.

CASCARINI - P. December 20th 1990. Remembered with joy, sadly missed. Jan, Jimmy, Bertie and Lucy.

GRAY - William John. Died this day five years ago. Fondly remembered by his friends, Alan, Christopher and James.

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OBITUARIES

SURGEON VICE-ADMIRAL SIR DEREK STEELE-PERKINS

Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Steele-Perkins, KCB, KCVO, Medical Director of the Navy, 1963-66, and Queen's Honorary Surgeon, died on December 9 aged 86. He was born on June 19, 1908.



DEREK STEELE-PERKINS was a general surgeon by training who spent more than thirty years with the Royal Navy, his career culminating in the post of Medical Director of the Navy, 1963-66. During his time there, his principal challenge was to fend off the move towards amalgamating all the three services' medical organisations that had arisen out of the Mountbatten reforms of 1962 and thereafter.

These reforms had the laudable aim broadly to elevate the central defence interest at the expense of single service individualism. Steele-Perkins took the view that while the physiology might be the same, the administration, environment, injuries and diseases, for example in nuclear propulsion and diving activities, were different. His view has prevailed to the present day.

He also had a long association with the Royal Family, accompanying the Queen on state visits as her travelling physician. He was appointed the Queen's Honorary Surgeon in 1961.

Sons and grandsons of West Country doctors, both Derek Steele-Perkins and his brother trained for the medical profession. When at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, Derek represented the university at athletics; at the age of 18 his excellent build, remarkable strength and his aptitude for a career in wrestling were remarked at a Devon versus Cornwall fixture. He subsequently played rugby for Devon and for the Royal Navy.

Having qualified as a general surgeon but with an ear, nose and throat specialism, he took up the position of house surgeon at the Gloucester Royal Infirmary and then the Royal Hammersmith Hospital. In 1932 he joined the Royal Navy and, after a spell at Haslar naval hospital at Portsmouth, was appointed in 1934 to the river gunboat *Mantis* on the China station. This duty meant missing a trial for the England rugby XV.

Mantis displaced 600 tons and carried two six-inch guns, but drew only five feet. With her 15 sister ships, she patrolled the brown and swift-running waters of the Yangtse and West Rivers for over a decade, protecting British commercial and strategic interests during a period of intense civil and political turmoil.

An important aspect of "hearts and minds" diplomacy was the provision of medical help. Steele-Perkins recalled that it was quite improper for him to examine Chinese women in person and any diagnosis had to proceed by passing an ivory female figurine back and forth behind a screen in order to "tell doctor where it hurts".

On return from China in late 1936 he was sent to support the British naval forces involved in securing the lives of British tourists, residents and other refugees from the Spanish Civil War. Guardships were placed at all major Spanish ports; the duty was exceedingly heavy and exhausting and sometimes dangerous. Destroyers were, therefore, rotated fortnightly on a "watch-on, watch-off" basis. Steele-Perkins recalled an irritation at being moved from ship to ship on a "watch-on, stop-on" basis because of the shortage of seagoing doctors.

This irritation was compounded by being told, on return to England in April 1937, that, despite his protests, he should not take the leave due to him but report immediately to the seamen boys' training establishment, *HMS Ganges*, at Shotley. His plan to get married and go on honeymoon was wrecked. However, upon his arrival, the senior medical officer noticed a certain glumness, ascertained the reason and promptly wrote out a sick-note for the required period of absence. The navy did not fall apart.

Two years at Shotley were followed by a tour in the cadet training cruiser *Vindictive* up to the outbreak of war when he returned to Haslar. From 1940 until 1944 he was at the naval hospital at Chatham, dealing as best he could with the broken bodies caused by war.

In 1944 he was sent to Australia to assist in the Pacific theatre, qualifying as a Fellow of the Australian College of Surgeons. On his return, he spent four years at the naval hospital at Bighi in Malta before being selected to provide medical services for the members of the Royal Family on board the *SS Gothic* during the Indian Ocean and African visit programme of 1952.

Gothic was in Mombasa, Kenya, awaiting the embarkation of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, when the news of the death of King George VI was received at the Treetops guest house and they had to return to the United Kingdom.

However, Steele-Perkins's relationship with the royal family was to last for some fifteen years. While also holding senior naval medical posts, he was called upon to accompany the Queen as her travelling physician on state visits. As was the custom in the 1950s and 1960s, some of these turned into comparatively protracted sea voyages. Again in the *SS Gothic*, Steele-Perkins took part in the six-month Royal Commonwealth Tour to Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, Fiji, Ceylon and other countries in 1953-54, after which he was appointed a CVO. Other occasions included visits to India and to the St Lawrence Seaway in 1959.

Promoted to surgeon captain, Steele-Perkins returned to the Chatham hospital until 1959; then as Senior Surgical Specialist to Bighi until 1961, the year that he was also created Queen's Honorary Surgeon. Briefly in command of the Haslar hospital and staff medical specialist to the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, he was then appointed in 1963 as a surgeon rear-admiral to the medical directorship of the navy. In spite of the many challenges he faced in the post over the Mountbatten reforms, contemporaries recall him as a delightful man to work for: clear-minded, objective and considerate.

Having been appointed a KCVO in 1964, he was also appointed KCB upon retirement as a vice-admiral in 1966. He continued to work for the National Health Service as a consultant, chairing medical assessment boards. Although a private individual, he was noted for his subtle sense of humour and attractive smile; he was a popular and effective Commodore of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club and chairman of the local Red Cross and RNLI committees.

A keen yachtsman, he owned a number of Contessa class cruiser-racers. At the age of 70, he and a partner sailed across the Atlantic from the Bahamas in their 42 ft yacht.

His wife Joan died in 1985. He is survived by their three daughters. The naval medical tradition is continued by his nephew, now a surgeon captain.

ISRAEL MAISELS

Israel Maisels, QC, South African lawyer, died in Johannesburg on December 8 aged 89. He was born there on November 15, 1905.



IT WAS "Isie" Maisels who successfully defended Nelson Mandela and 156 other people of all races in South Africa's notorious and protracted "Treason Trial" which ended in 1961.

By his fearless and effective advocacy, Maisels proved himself to be one of the most redoubtable opponents of apartheid. Although never previously involved in political affairs, he regarded the Government's Treason Trial prosecutions as the ultimate challenge to the rule of law in South Africa. The defendants were accused of violating the Suppression of Communism Act, the sweeping legislation introduced by the Nationalist Government and used primarily to combat opposition to its apartheid policies. The prosecutors targeted activists who had supported the Freedom Charter, which called for a non-racist democracy and for a socialist-based economy to be instituted in South Africa.

Among the accused, besides Mandela, were Walter Sisulu, now deputy president of the African National Congress; Ahmed Kathrada, Minister of Transport in the new Government; Helen Joseph, the late anti-apartheid activist; and Alfred Nzo — identified on the charge sheet only as Nzo — who is now Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Maisels prepared and argued a large proportion of the Treason Trial cases personally, concentrating on challenging the prosecution case on points of law rather than the rights or wrongs of racist legislation. His determination and the brilliance of his advocacy, together with the weakness of the Government's case, ensured that the charges were either dropped or the defendants acquitted.

The Government was thereafter much more cautious in attempting to use the courts to silence its critics, turning more often instead to arbitrary bannings, expulsions and detention without trial.

On occasion Maisels showed scant respect for the judicial figures before whom he appeared; but, while behaving with disdain, he was always the essence of politeness — a combination with which the courts sometimes found it difficult to deal. And, although the Pretoria Treason Trial is the case for which he is most noted, he was by the time it took place already a commanding figure in the courts, having appeared in many of South Africa's most memorable criminal cases. Later he appeared for David Pratt who attempted to assassinate Dr Verwoerd, the Prime Minister and, in Rhodesia, defended Peter Niesewand, the Rhodesian journalist charged under the Official Secrets Act who was later deported.

Israel Aaron Maisels was born in Johannesburg and was one of the first students to graduate from the law faculty of the University of the Witwatersrand in 1927. He was called to the Bar in 1930 at the age of 25. At the outbreak of the Second World War he joined the South African Air Force as a private and by the end of it was a major in Intelligence. He was twice mentioned in dispatches.

Maisels took silk as a King's Counsel in 1948, the year the National Party came to power. In 1961, after the Pretoria Treason Trial, he was appointed to the Bench in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, but resigned in 1963 citing "personal family reasons". To avoid embarrassing his fellow judges, he never stated publicly that the real reason for his decision was the action of the Government of Winston Field in enacting increasingly harsh legislation, particularly a law which provided that if a person was found guilty of throwing a petrol bomb into a house, the death penalty was mandatory, even if the premises were unoccupied. Maisels was not prepared to pass a death sentence on a person who had not hurt anybody.

After a short spell in commerce he returned to the Bar in 1966. He was appointed Judge of Appeal in the former High Commission territories of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, later becoming Chief Justice of all three countries.

Maisels was a deeply observant Jew and a former president of the Board of Deputies in South Africa. He leaves his widow Muriel, two sons and two daughters.

RICHARD WARING

Richard Waring, scriptwriter, died from a heart attack in London on December 5 aged 69. He was born in Bradford on June 26, 1925.



RICHARD WARING produced a string of exemplary television sitcoms in the 1960s and 1970s including *The World of Wooster*, *Not in Front of the Children* and *My Wife Next Door*. He was one of the first scriptwriters to place his characters in situations which were intrinsically funny rather than cluttering up the action with superfluous jokes, as had tended to be the case in television comedy shows — most of them influenced more by revues and radio comedy — of the 1950s.

It was a formula to which most later sitcoms, incuding *The Good Life*, *Terry and June* and much of Carla Lane's output, were enormously indebted, despite some critics complaining that Waring's subject matter was too bland, reactionary or just plain "nice" to be funny. It was true that Waring concentrated his energies on the domestic scene and, within those limits, mainly on middle-class families. But his writing could be as sharp as anything in *Steptoe and Son* or *The Likely Lads* and, in addition, he wrote some particularly strong comic parts for women.

Brian Barton-Chapple, as Waring was born, was the son of Wing Commander H. J. Barton-Chapple, an electrical engineer who helped John Logie Baird with his experiments in early television in the 1920s. He made his stage debut at a local fête at the age of eight billed as "Brian Barton-Chapple — the Wonder Boy Conjuror and Ventriloquist". The ventriloquist's dummy in question had been loaned by his father and was originally used by Baird in his first test transmissions (the heat of the lighting having proved too much for humans). It was later displayed at the Science Museum.

Waring was educated at Dulwich College. He wrote and acted in his first revue during the war in Bangalore, where he served in the Indian Army. He then changed his name and by the late 1940s was making his living as an actor, to begin with in repertory at Amersham. He produced revue material for various artists, including Hermione Gingold, Charlie Drake and Tommy Cooper, and staged his comedy about two psychiatrists, *Blame it on Adam*, at the New Lindsey Theatre in 1955.

His first sitcom was the BBC's *Marriage Lines* (1963-66), starring the then unknown Richard Briers and Prunella Scales as the newly-wed Starlings. Waring remained as senior script editor at the BBC's light entertainment department for the next 25 years.

His work included *The World of Wooster* (1965-68) with Ian Carmichael and Dennis Price as Wooster and Jeeves, and *Not in Front of the Children* (1967), with Wendy Craig as a harassed mother, a role which she repeated when the series crossed to Thames, renamed *And Mother Makes Three* (later *And Mother Makes Five*). *My Wife Next Door* (1972) was equally well cast with John Alderton and Hannah Gordon as a separated husband and wife who find themselves living in neighbouring cottages. *Second Time Around* (1974) looked at marriage between a young woman (Patricia Brake) and a much older man (Michael Craig). It was considered a slightly daring subject for comedy at the time, as was that of *Miss Jones and Son* (1977-78), with Paula Wilcox as an unmarried mother. Waring also worked on *The Many Wives of Patrick* (1976) and *Rings on Their Fingers* (1979).

Waring was a popular man with actors and young scriptwriters, many of whom he helped on their way, and for most of his life he lived in houses large enough to entertain his friends in some style, though he was known for not seating his guests for dinner much before midnight. He was also a competent piano player and could recite the cast list of the most obscure film from the 1930s.

His two marriages ended in divorce, and he is survived by his two sons and two daughters.

HIKMAT MASRI

Hikmat Masri, Palestinian nationalist campaigner and Jordanian politician, died in Nablus on December 13 aged 88. He was born there in 1906.

HIKMAT MASRI first agitated for the creation of a Palestinian State in the 1930s when the territory was under the control of the British. He went on to be parliamentary speaker and a government minister in Jordan and later a co-founder of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Over the years he established a practical relationship, first with the British, and then with the Israeli, occupying powers, both of whom respected his influence and political acumen.

From the beginnings of organised Jewish immigration into Palestine, through hundreds of clashes, assassinations, wars and conferences, to the recent peace agreement between the two peoples, Masri observed all the formative events of the Middle East and was actively involved in the shaping of many of them, usually on the side of moderation.

He knew almost all the leaders of the Arab world — from President Nasser of Egypt to the conservative rulers of Saudi Arabia — and was a frequent visitor to Western capitals, where he was widely consulted on the affairs of the region. He presided over the creation of an influential circle of politicians and businessmen.

Hikmat Taher Masri was born in Nablus, the largest town on the West Bank of the Jordan, into a family whose business was producing soap from olive oil. He was one of the first Arabs to be sent for higher education to the new American University of Beirut, where he graduated with a degree in economics in 1929.

After his return to Palestine, he joined Barclays Bank in Jaffa and seems initially to have resolved to devote his life to his career and family. But passions ran high in his community, which suspected the British Mandatory authorities of secretly helping to set up a Jewish State.

Gradually, as Jewish emigration from Russia gathered pace, and clashes grew in frequency between the two peoples, Masri found himself sucked into communal politics and, encouraged by the British creation of the new Arab States of Jordan and Iraq, joined the agitation for the creation of a Palestinian State to be run by its majority Arab population. He also left Barclays to rejoin his family business. His Nablus Oil Company became the largest supplier of vegetable oil in the West Bank.

In the early 1930s, the rise of Nazism in Germany hastened Jewish emigration from Europe and made the Palestinians desperate to stop it. British forces were caught between warring guerrilla bands of Jews and Palestinians. Masri joined the more moderate wing of the Palestinian leadership, the Higher Executive Committee, and was its treasurer in 1936 when a general strike was organised that lasted six months. On the whole at that time, his strategy was to appear reasonable to the ruling power, Britain, in the hope of achieving a unitary Palestinian State. Later he sought salvation for the Palestinians through a close partnership with the Hashemite monarchy in Jordan.

In 1952, when the West Bank was part of Jordan, Masri was elected a deputy for Nablus and twice became speaker of the lower house of parliament in Amman. He also held the ministerial portfolios for agriculture and economics and was a senator for nine years from 1962.

In 1964 he took part in founding the Palestine Liberation Organisation and was elected deputy speaker of the first Palestine National Council (the Palestinian "parliament in exile").

After retirement, Masri returned to Nablus and was several times elected to the city municipality. He developed a practical relationship as a community leader with the forces of occupation, in return for which the Israelis treated him with respect and allowed him to travel frequently to the West. One of his brothers was assassinated by unknown assailants.

A lasting interest was Al Najah University, which he helped to found in Nablus in 1977. He acted as its Chancellor and was a major benefactor.

Masri's wife, Widad, died earlier this year. He leaves six daughters and five sons.

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THE WOMAN'S VIEW

Children's Parties

A children's party——more even than other forms of entertaining——needs to be carefully thought out beforehand. Children have their own queer psychology, which is different in the two sexes and which alters a little with every year of growth. What amuses and delights a little girl of four or five would seem boring or contemptible to a boy of nine or ten. Luckily there are a few characteristics and tastes that are common to all stages of childhood and to both sexes. All children, for instance, are very shy at first when they find themselves in company. All lose their shyness to a great extent when set down to a good meal, and all are apt to become uproarious later on unless some judicious check is kept on them. It is this last element which makes a children's party rather anxious work for the hostess. Grown-up guests may often grow duller and duller, but at least they do not become a menace to the furniture. The best way to break through the crust of shyness and warm the atmosphere is to set the children down at once to their tea. I have never found the child yet who does not like a good old-fashioned bun; jam sandwiches are equally popular, but should be made of a jam without pips. Pink and white sugar-icing on the cakes is quite wholesome and is very dear to the heart of childhood. A few good sweets, bought at some shop which is above all suspicion of using glucose or any of the cheap substitutes for sugar, will help to brighten the teatable, which can also be decorated with crackers. These distributed at the end of tea will dispel any shyness that may remain. I have always found a bran pie the most satisfactory of all Christmas treats. To the childish mind it conveys a sense of mystery, of boundless potentialities, which has an overpowering charm. It is not in the least dangerous, it occupies a considerable amount of time, and, with a little judicious pre-arrangement the presents it contains can be suited to the various ages and tastes of the children. These presents need not be costly, a child's criterion of value is not ours and is often much sounder. After the bran pie will come games. A piano now becomes exceedingly useful, and one of the grown-ups should be able to play by heart cheerful tunes of all sorts. When the smaller children are getting tired and mothers and nurses are muffling them in their wraps, the older children can play "General Post." "Blind Man's Buff," or any other game which is suited to their age.

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Sausages, hamburgers, crisps and a plentiful supply of ice-cream are more likely to be on the menu today, with self-expression a greater problem than shyness.

NEWS

Howard refuses to go over prisons

■ A thorough investigation into security throughout British prisons was announced by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, as he came under pressure to resign over a report into the armed IRA escape from Whitemoor jail in September.

Sir John Woodcock's report says: "So many things were wrong, so many procedures and policies totally ignored and with such regularity that the escape could have taken place on any day of any week with the same chance of success. At times it was difficult to find something being done in accordance with the manuals" ..... **Pages 1, 4, 5**

Euro court challenges Bulger sentence

■ The Home Secretary has no right to decide the sentence on juveniles such as the children who killed James Bulger, the European Commission of Human Rights said ..... **Page 1**

Carter peace plan

Jimmy Carter said that the Bosnian Serbs had agreed to an immediate four-month ceasefire. The Serbs had also agreed to resume peace talks on the basis of the Contact Group plan .. **Pages 1, 10**

Russians advance

Russian ground forces closed in on two villages near the Chechen capital, Grozny, in the heaviest fighting witnessed since Russian forces entered the breakaway republic ten days ago ..... **Page 8**

Roads review

More than 270 road schemes are to be reviewed in a radical reassessment of the Government's £19 billion programme in the wake of a report which indicates that new roads generate traffic ..... **Page 2**

Socialist victory

The Bulgarian Socialist Party has won the country's general election and is now expected to hold a majority of seats in parliament ..... **Page 8**

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The dispute between teachers and the Government over national testing appeared to be over when the biggest union recommended that members abandon their boycott ..... **Page 2**

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A member of the Chinese Communist Party has been sentenced to two years in prison for revealing a state secret: a grovelling letter that Deng Xiaoping wrote to Mao Tse-tung ..... **Page 9**

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A leader of the Animal Liberation Front who waged a four-year campaign of sabotage against the meat and poultry industry was jailed for 14 years ..... **Page 3**

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Slovakia appears poised to slide back into authoritarianism with the return to power of Vladimir Meciar, its nationalist Prime Minister, who is supported in a new coalition ..... **Page 10**

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President Clinton, desperate to revive his flagging political fortunes and halt the Republican juggernaut on Capitol Hill, revealed a cost-cutting shake-up of his Administration ..... **Page 11**

A little woman comes of age

■ A novel by Louisa May Alcott, the author of *Little Women*, which was rejected as too raunchy for Victorian readers, is to be published after more than a century under wraps. *A Long Fatal Love Chase* tells the story of Rosamund, a self-willed woman of an "ardent nature" who is stalked around Europe by the sinister Phillip Tempest ..... **Page 1**



JOHN GILES

White Christmas: snow has has dusted the mountains of Cumbria at Shap, near Haweswater, although the valleys are still green

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It is easy for Turkey's friends to issue advice about the appeal of a political solution — regional autonomy for the Kurds, cultural privileges and so on. Yet unwelcome as the message must be, it is the right message — *The Washington Post*

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Preview: Men and women at the heart of the IRA bombing campaign justify their actions in *Network First: Talking to the Enemy* (ITV, 10.40pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond loses patience with *Milner's* lengthy credits but warms to Mel Smith's comic solicitor ..... **Page 35**

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This sliding towards responsibility is perhaps the most unsavoury feature of this whole affair described in the Woodcock report. Mr Lewis has enjoyed the pay and perks of a private-sector manager. He should now accept the responsibility that goes with the job ..... **Page 15**

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Voters claim to feel disconnected from Westminster; the introduction of referendums for consultation on constitutional questions might help to bridge that gap ..... **Page 15**

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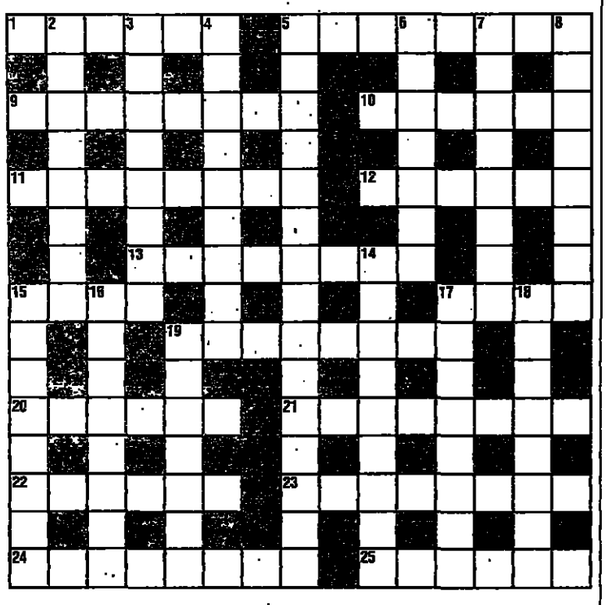
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Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Prestatyn, Clwyd, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskadalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.71in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 1.1hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of England and Wales, after a cold start, will have a dry day. A few showers are likely for a time in the west, and during the evening these western parts will cloud over with rain. Central and eastern districts of England will remain dry.

Northern and western Scotland will have further showers, wintry over the hills but becoming increasingly confined to northeast Scotland later in the day. Much of southern and southeast Scotland may remain dry.

Northern Ireland will have a few showers, mainly in the north, before thickening cloud brings rain in the evening.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E, Central N, NE England:** mainly dry with sunny spells. Wind light or moderate westerly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** scattered showers dying out. Rain in the evening. Wind moderate westerly becoming light variable later. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland:** mainly dry after early showers. Wind light to moderate northwesterly. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny periods and occasional showers, some snow on hills. Wind northwest fresh or strong. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Outlook:** many places will be dry after the clearance of rain from the south and west. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some rain later. Cold in the south, but temperatures recovering to nearer normal in the north.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

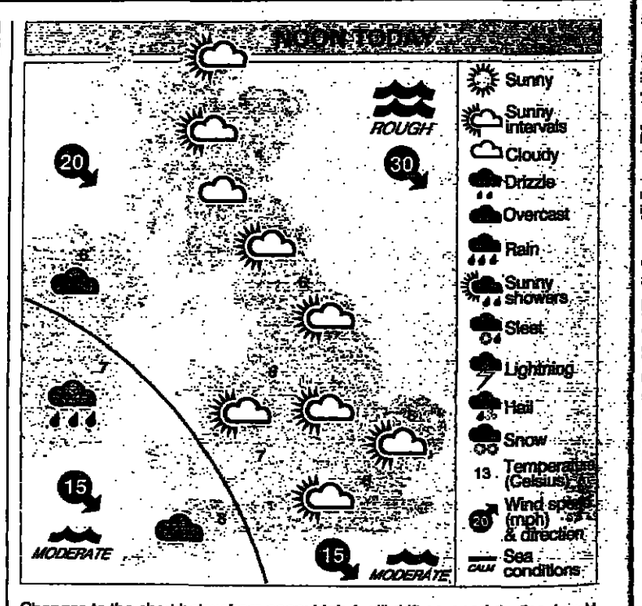
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Aberdeen	-	0.04	13	55	r	Liverpool	0.2	0.02	13	55	r
Anglesey	-	0.08	12	54	r	London	-	-	12	54	r
Aspatria	X					Lowestoft	X				
Aviemore	-	0.30	11	52	r	Manchester	-	-	12	54	c
Belfast	-	0.42	12	54	sh	Minehead	X				
Birmingham	-	-	11	52	c	Morecambe	X				
Bognor R	-	-	12	54	du	Newcastle	-	-	12	54	r
Bournem'th	X					Newquay	-	-	13	55	c
Bristol	0.6	-	12	54	c	Norwich	-	-	11	52	c
Buxton	-	0.06	9	48	du	Nottingham	-	-	11	52	c
Cardiff	0.2	-	12	54	c	Oxford	0.5	-	12	54	c
Clacton	0.2	-	11	52	c	Penzance	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	-	-	12	54	c
Colwyn Bay	X					Poole	-	0.01	13	55	c
Cromer	-	-	11	52	c	Prestatyn	X	0.04	14	57	c
Doncaster	-	-	11	52	c	Ross-o-wye	X				
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	X					Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	-	0.08	13	55	r	Sandown	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	0.58	10	50	r	Saunton Snd	-	-	12	54	c
Exmouth	-	0.01	13	55	c	Scarboro'	X				
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	c	Scilly Isles	-	-	12	54	c
Fishguard	-	0.13	12	54	r	Shanklin	-	0.02	13	54	r
Folkestone	1	-	12	54	b	Shrewsbury	-	-	12	54	c
Glasgow	-	0.21	13	55	r	Skegness	-	-	11	52	c
Guernsey	0	0.03	13	55	sh	Southend	0.5	-	12	54	c
Hastings	X					Southport	-	0.04	13	55	r
Herne Bay	1	0	-	12	54	c	Stornoway	0.2	0.61	11	52
Hove	-	-	12	54	du	Swanage	-	0.05	13	55	sh
Hunstanton	-	-	11	52	du	Teignmouth	-	0.01	13	55	c
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	-	-	13	55	c
Isle of Man	-	0.20	13	55	r	Tiree	-	0.39	11	52	r
Jersey	X					Torquay	0.2	0.11	13	55	c
Kinloss	-	0.03	13	55	c	Tynemouth	X				
Leeds	-	-	12	54	c	Ventnor	X				
Lerwick	-	0.21	9	48	r	West-s-mare	X				
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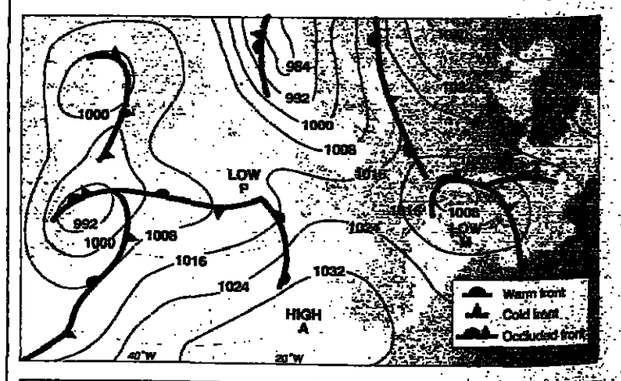
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Alicetrl	12	54	f	Corfu	12	54	f	Majorca	14	57	f
Alex'dria	14	57	c	Dublin	3	37	s	Malaga	17	63	f
Algiers	15	59	c	Dubrovnik	10	50	s	Malta	18	64	f
Amst'dm	7	45	s	Faro	16	61	s	Melb'rne	25	77	f
Athens	9	48	f	Florence	6	43	d	Miami	26	79	f
Bahrain	24	75	s	Frankfurt	7	45	f	Milan	4	39	c
Bangkok	30	86	f	Funchal	21	70	s	Montreal	2	36	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	6	43	f	Moscow	-22	-8	s
Barcelona	9	48	r	Gibraltar	16	61	f	Munich	4	39	r
Beirut	10	50	f	Helsinki	-4	25	sn	Nairobi	24	75	s
Belgrade	5	41	s	Hong K	19	66	s	Naples	9	48	d
Berlin	4	39	c	Innsbrck	1	34	f	N Delhi	17	63	s
Bermuda	22	72	s	Istanbul	5	41	f	N York	7	45	s
Biarritz	7	45	r	Jeddah	26	79	s	Nice	10	50	c
Borde'x	11	52	f	Jo'burg	28	82	s	Oslo	6	43	r
Brussels	7	45	s	Karachi	29	84	s	Paris	8	46	s
Budapst	-2	28	c	L Palmas	22	72	c	Peking	-1	25	sn
B Aires	28	79	s	Le Touet	8	46	f	Perth	29	84	f
Cairo	15	59	f	Lisbon	13	55	f	Prague	-1	30	r
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Locarno	6	43	c	Reykjavik	-1	30	c
Chicago	1	34	f	L Angels	12	54	fg	Rhodes	11	52	s
Ch'church	28	82	s	Luxembg	4	39	c	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	7	45	s	Luxor	17	63	s	Riyadh	28	82	s
Rome	11	52	f
Salzburg	3	37	c
S Frisco	11	52	s
Santiago	29	84	s
S Paulo	24	75	c
Seoul	-1	30	s
Sing'por	24	75	r
St'kholm	2	36	r
Strasb'rg	8	46	f
Sydney	28	82	s
Tangier	17	63	f
Tel Aviv	13	55	s
Tenerife	21	70	s
Tokyo	7	45	s
Toronto	3	37	c
Tunis	18	64	f
Valencia	13	55	s
Vanc'ver	9	48	f
Venice	4	39	r
Vienna	0	32	c
Warsaw	1	34	f
Wash'ton	11	52	s
Wel'ngton	16	61	d
Zurich	5	41	r

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high A will drift east and decline. Low M will drift west with no change in central pressure. Low P will move southeast



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.45	6.8	3.10	6.8	Liverpool	12.05	9.8	12.24	9.8
Aberdeen	2.33	4.1	2.44	4.2	Lowestoft	10.51	2.4	11.01	2.6
Avonmouth	8.16	12.5	8.38	12.3	Margate	12.53	4.5	1.15	4.5
Belfast	-	-	12.11	3.5	Milford Haven	7.19	8.6	7.39	8.4
Cardiff	8.34	11.80	8.56	11.53	Newquay	6.12	6.7	6.32	6.5
Devonport	6.53	5.3	7.16	5.1	Oban	6.46	3.9	7.11	3.8
Dover	-	-	12.09	6.3	Penzance	5.52	5.4	6.16	5.2
Falmouth	6.23	5.1	6.46	4.9	Portland	7.40	2.1	8.05	1.9
Glasgow	2.04	4.5	2.05	4.9	Portsmouth	12.15	4.5	12.25	4.5
Harwich	12.45	3.8	1.03	3.7	Shoreham	12.07	6.0	12.14	6.0
Holyhead	11.29	5.5	11.51	5.2	Southampton	11.54	4.5	-	-
Hull	7.28	7.03	7.36	7.22	Swansea	7.33	9.0	7.54	8.9
Ilfracombe	7.04	8.83	7.25	8.63	Tees	4.49	4.8	5.01	5.1
King's Lynn	7.33	6.3	7.42	6.5	W'ton-on-Nze	12.36	4.0	12.57	4.0
Leith	3.43	5.2	3.58	5.4					

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.03 am
Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon sets 6.42 pm
Moon rises 9.12 am

London 3.53 pm to 8.04 am
Bristol 4.03 pm to 8.13 am
Edinburgh 3.39 pm to 8.42 am
Manchester 3.51 pm to 8.23 am
Penzance 4.21 pm to 8.19 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY DECEMBER 20 1994

Northern to fight bid by Trafalgar

By Eric Reguly

TRAFALGAR HOUSE yesterday launched a £1.2 billion hostile bid for Northern Electricity that comes with a £300-million commitment from Trafalgar's 25 per cent owner, Hongkong Land.

The offer may trigger a wave of mergers and takeovers in the electricity industry, whose stable earnings and strong cash flows are the envy of corporate Britain. However, Northern said Trafalgar's bid was unacceptable and vowed to fight to keep its independence. "Northern Electric can see no advantage to its shareholders in becoming part of a financially challenged conglomerate, effectively controlled by an offshore minority shareholder," it said.

City analysts doubted that Trafalgar's opening bid would succeed. "The general expectation is that they'll have to come up a bit," said Ian Hilliker, of NatWest Securities.

Trafalgar offered £4.43 in cash and £6.34 in new Trafalgar convertible preference shares for each Northern share. It values the package at £10.77, or almost 20 per cent higher than the price of Northern's shares on December 14, when it announced it might bid for Northern.

Hongkong Land has agreed to buy up to 311 million of the new preference shares for about £300 million. Full conversion of the shares would lift Hongkong Land's ownership of Trafalgar to 31 per cent.

Trafalgar gave Northern shareholders three other options: £10.48 in cash; a combination of cash and National Grid shares, a package it values at £10.77; or a package of cash, Trafalgar preference shares and Grid shares that it values at £10.52.

Northern owns 6.5 per cent of the Grid, the transmission system in England and Wales that is likely to be floated next year. Trafalgar estimated that Northern's exposure to the Grid is worth about £2 per share. As a sweetener, Trafalgar said it will offer Northern's customers a £20 electricity bill rebate if it wins the company.

Kevin Lapwood, an analyst with Smith New Court, said Trafalgar's offer "is not what I call a knockout bid". He gives Northern a break-up value of about £11.25 a share, and estimates that it presents Trafalgar with up to £2 a share in tax advantages.

Tax savings are perhaps the main attraction. Nigel Rich, chief executive of Trafalgar, said ownership of Northern "will bring with it significant tax advantages". He would not give details, but noted that Trafalgar has written off about £223 million in Advance Corporation Tax. It also has capital gains and big trading losses that could be offset against Northern's profitable businesses. Robust and fairly stable cash flow is another attraction, which could be used to prop up Trafalgar during cyclical downturns in its core construction and engineering divisions.

Analysts suspect that Northern is trying to line up a white knight in case Trafalgar's bid gains momentum, but they doubt it will have an easy time finding another bidder. Buying Northern gives no tax advantage to another regional electricity company. "The tax value is worth more to Trafalgar than to anyone else," one analyst said.

Shareholders evidently do not expect a competing bid straight away. Northern shares rose 33p, to 1018p, which is 30p below the value of Trafalgar's all-cash option.

Northern and its shareholders have plenty of time to mull over the offer. Trafalgar has 28 days from yesterday to file its formal offering document. Its bid will be open for 60 days from then, and it has a further 21 days to collect its acceptances. The whole process would extend beyond March 30, when the Government's "golden share" expires.

Referral of the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, as the Labour Party wants, could take six months, and Trafalgar's bid would lapse.

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ANALYSTS said Trafalgar House's £1.2 billion bid for Northern Electric lacks full value, but it does not scrimp on options for shareholders.

Trafalgar presented them with four alternatives. The simplest is an all-cash offer of £10.48 a share. This is the least risky option but may not be the most desirable. Northern shareholders already receive high dividend payments and may be attracted to the potential of the three other scenarios.

In one, shareholders can take £4.43 in cash and a Trafalgar convertible preferred share that it values at £6.34, for a total of £10.77. Northern said the preferred shares have "uncertain value".

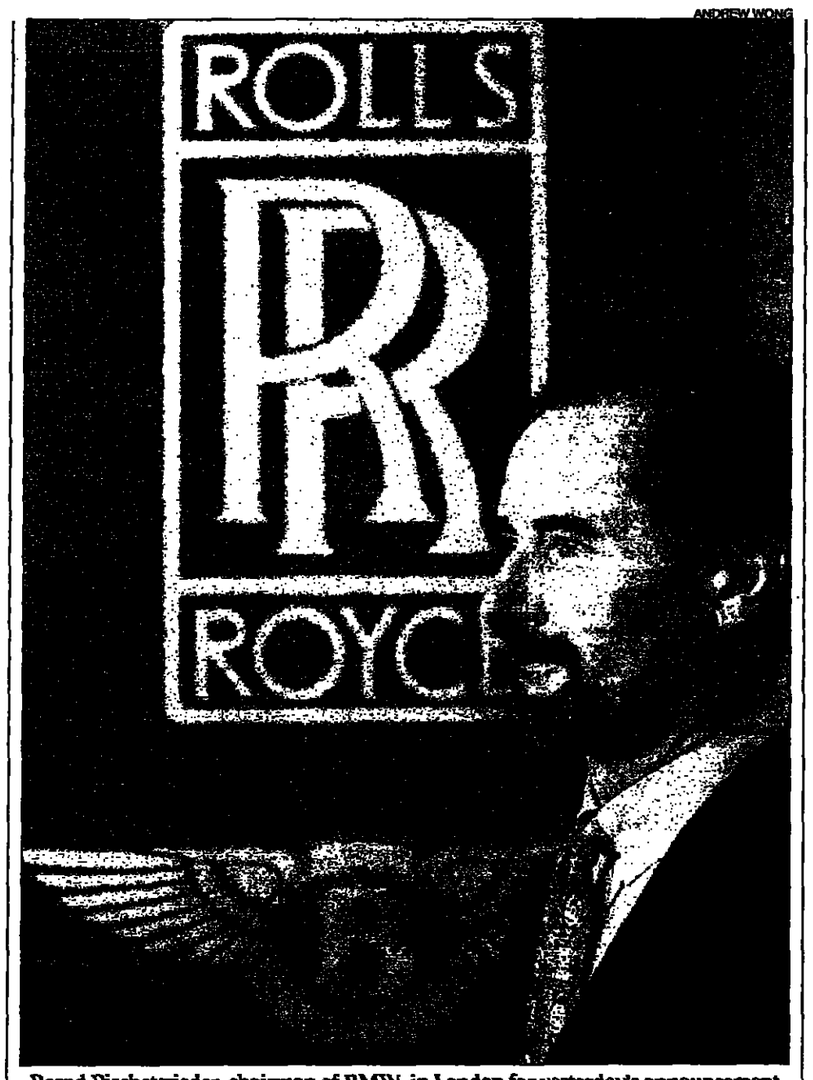
The next is more complex: £3.41 in cash, £5.36 in convertible preferred shares, and a bond valued at £2, convertible into National Grid shares, for a total of £10.77.

Finally, shareholders can take £8.52 in cash and the £2 Grid convertible bond for a package valued by Trafalgar at £10.52.





Nigel Rich, left, and Simon Keswick, Trafalgar's chairman



ANDREW WONG

Bernd Pischetsrieder, chairman of BMW, in London for yesterday's announcement

BMW deal will end Rolls engine-making

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE yesterday gave BMW another foothold in the British motor industry by announcing that the German manufacturer is to build engines for its next generation of cars.

BMW paid British Aerospace £800 million in March for the Rover Group, the last wholly British-owned volume carmaker.

BMW, which makes about 500,000 cars a year, is to supply V8 and V12 engines to Rolls-Royce, which will make about 1,400 cars this year, in a deal that will mean the end of traditional engine building at the company's headquarters at Crewe, Cheshire.

Sir Colin Chandler, chief executive of Vickers, which owns Rolls-Royce, said the agreement would allow Vickers to maintain ownership of its car subsidiary. Analysts believed Vickers could not afford the hundreds of millions of pounds needed for Rolls-Royce to compete with BMW and Mercedes-Benz, the other German manufacturer that was bidding for a partnership. Sir Colin said BMW was preferred to Mercedes because of its "more imaginative approach".

At first BMW will provide engines and probably gearboxes and other components. It will also work on joint development with Rolls-Royce of a new small car, codenamed the Bentley Java. The Java, first shown in March at the Geneva Motor Show, will probably be based on the floorpan of a BMW 5-series mid-range saloon and use a turbo-charged BMW V8 engine, developed by Cosworth Engineering, which is also part of the Vickers Group.

Work will start immediately to mate BMW's family of large engines from Munich with the next generation of Crewe-built saloons and limousines. The new four-door models with BMW engines will not be ready for at least six years.

Peter Ward, Rolls-Royce's chairman, said: "We have worked with BMW on several projects over many years and the people at Crewe are completely behind this new relationship. We are not in a screaming rush to develop new cars but we have to move now to ensure the future of our new model range and our company. We believe this is the best way forward."

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Saatchi's ousting puts $1bn at risk

By Sarah Bagnall, insurance correspondent

MAURICE SAATCHI, who was ousted as chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi on Friday, met the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street yesterday to discuss the future of the Conservative Party account.

Saatchi & Saatchi coordinated the party's last general election campaign; 18 months later, the agency was still awaiting payment of £1.5 million of its fee.

Saatchi, the world's fifth largest advertising agency, already faces the possible defection of British Airways, Mars and Mirror Group Newspapers. The companies warned Saatchi before the boardroom coup that they might take their business elsewhere if Mr Saatchi was removed.

The combined spend of BA and Mars, via Saatchi, is estimated at $500 million. MGN's spend is approximately £30 million. A $400 million account with Procter & Gamble, the Cincinnati detergent and toiletry conglomerate, and a $50 million account with Qantas, the Australian airline, may also be at risk.

In an attempt to pacify concerns about the effects of Mr Saatchi's departure, management embarked on a round of visits with analysts yesterday. The message was that the accounts at risk only represented 8 per cent of total revenues.

Saatchi's ability to hang on to its clients partly depends on whether Mr Saatchi sets up a rival agency. He and his brother, Charles, are weighing up the options. Maurice Saatchi has been offered the chairmanship of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide, a subsidiary.

Several senior executives at Saatchi are said to be studying their contracts and seeking legal advice. If they decide to set up a new agency, the brothers are expected to attract some key personnel from the agency. As a result, more business is likely to follow.

The shares fell 3p to 151p.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3034.4	(+20.8)
Yield	4.24%	
FT-SE A All share	1505.86	(+9.81)
Nikkei	19270.85	(+107.42)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3782.63	(-24.56)*
S&P Composite	458.75	(-2.05)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¾%	(5¾%)
Long Bond	98	(95²⁸/₃₂)
Yield	7.85%*	(7.86%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅛%	(6⅛%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	102²⁸/₃₂	(102²⁶/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5620*	(1.5605)
London:		
$	1.5615	(1.5631)
DM	2.4574	(2.4570)
FFr	8.4690	(8.4730)
SFr	2.0791	(2.0805)
Yen	156.39	(156.65)
£ Index	80.4	(80.4)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5736*	(1.5727)
FFr	5.4250*	(5.4235)
SFr	1.3313*	(1.3328)
Yen	100.13*	(100.23)
$ Index	63.5	(63.4)

Tokyo close Yen 100.38

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar) $15.95 ($15.90)

GOLD

London close..... $379.55 ($380.95)

* denotes midday trading price

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Tokyo lives in daily fear of the Big One, a major earthquake that recurs, on average, every 69 years and whose aftermath is certain to be felt in the London and other international insurance markets, with a potential liability of £40 billion.
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The Prime Minister has backed proposed guidelines calling for companies to publish the reasons for large increases in directors' remuneration. The Institute of Directors wants full disclosure from companies on how they calculate top salaries.
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MPs urge review of state aid policy

British Steel to invest £48m in American joint venture

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BRITISH Steel last night announced a £48 million investment in America as an influential committee of MPs gave warning that the Government must, if necessary, reconsider its refusal to provide state aid for Britain's steel industry in the face of continuing steel subsidies across Europe.

The move came after warnings from British Steel that it might have to consider investment outside Europe, with clear implications for European jobs, if action was not taken against state steel subsidies within the European Union.

British Steel yesterday signed a letter of intent to form, with two other world-leading integrated steel producers, a new company, Trico Steel, to build and operate a $450 million flat-rolled steel mini-mill with an annual capacity of 2.2 million tonnes.

The plant — the first steelmaking joint venture in America with partners from three different continents — will be built by LTV, the American producer, which will take a 50 per cent share of the new company, and by British Steel and Sumitomo Metal of Japan, which will have a 25 per cent stake each.

British Steel recently announced a £100 million expansion of its heavy-gauge steel plate plant at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the new company is currently evaluating sites in the same region — well away from the traditional, union-dominated old steel areas of north-eastern America. Construction of the plant is expected to begin during the second quarter of next year, with operation, by a staff of 300, set for late 1996.

Brian Moffat, chairman and chief executive of British Steel, said: "We see this investment as an opportunity to expand British Steel's participation in both the US market and the rapidly-evolving mini-mill technologies." He said that in the longer term, the relationship could lead to other joint ventures.

British Steel's move came after it warned the all-party Commons' Trade and Industry Select Committee on steel that it would have to consider investing outside Europe if the EU continued to provide state subsidies for other European steelmakers. British Steel has received no subsidy since 1985. In the inquiry report, published yesterday, the committee said that the Government would have to review its opposition to state aid if other European producers continued not to comply with promises to reduce capacity as a condition of receiving subsidies.

While this key recommendation is likely to prove welcome to British Steel, Conservative ministers opposed to direct Government intervention in industry may find it uncomfortable — particularly since the committee has a Conservative majority.

MPs on the committee record that the failure of an EU plan to restructure the industry was a result of the decision to allow state aid for companies in Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Work starts on £630m Navy order

By Ross Tieman

GEC-MARCONI will today start work on a £630 million order to supply Spearfish submarine-launched torpedos to the Royal Navy.

The 9½-year contract will secure 750 jobs at GEC-Marconi Underwater Weapons Division at Waterlooville, Hampshire. An additional 40 workers will be recruited there.

Spearfish is claimed to be the most advanced heavyweight torpedo in the world. It will progressively replace the Tigerfish weapon already in use by British submarines. Later, the manufacturers hope to sell it to overseas navies.

The new weapon, which is claimed to outmanouevre any target and evade countermeasures, results from a 12-year development programme with GEC-Marconi as prime contractor.

Final assembly of Spearfish will take place at the Royal Naval Armament Depot at Beith, Ayrshire, under contract to GEC-Marconi.

The Ministry of Defence contract is a significant addition to the GEC orderbook, which stood at £4.73 billion on September 30.

Warburg director leaves after bond division disappoints

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

PETER TWACHTMANN, a director of SG Warburg, the City investment bank, has left after nine months of underperformance by the fixed-income and Treasury division where he was joint head.

David Burnett, Warburg's troubleshooter, is taking over as sole head of the division, and is starting "a thorough review of all elements of the business" that is expected to lead to redundancies among the division's 400-strong workforce and a scaling back of some of its European government bond business.

He will report to Michael Sargent, a main-board director and operating head of Warburg Securities.

Warburg has a strong sterling Eurobond operation, but has had difficulties in its European bond business. As a result, the division is believed to have been loss-making for the past nine months in what has been a volatile time for world bond markets.

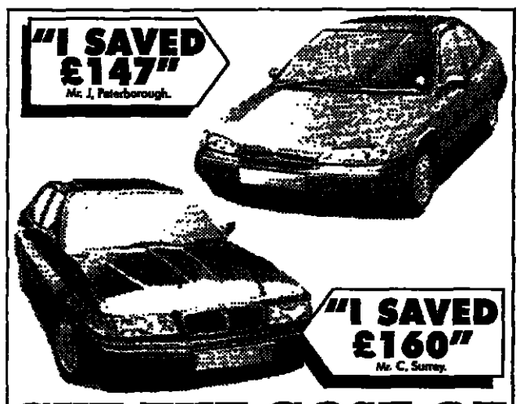
The move follows the collapse of merger talks between Warburg and Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank. Its UK government bond business was seen as a good fit with Morgan Stanley's bond business which was stronger in US bonds and other currencies.

Mr Twachtmann, a German national, has worked for Warburg for the past 26 years. He was joint head with Peter Bass, who is returning to Warburg in the US this week.

A Warburg spokesman said Mr Bass had indicated his wish to return to the United States earlier this year, prompting a review of the leadership of the division. "On Friday it was decided that David Burnett would take over as sole head," he said. This made it "inappropriate" that Mr Twachtmann should continue.

Mr Burnett is a director of Warburg's investment banking division and for the last six months has been the most senior director in UK equity sales.

Two and a half years ago he was sent to Tokyo to sort out Warburg's equity business after trading volumes plunged. He pulled the bank out of a number of unprofitable areas and returned it to profitability last year.



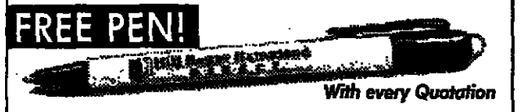
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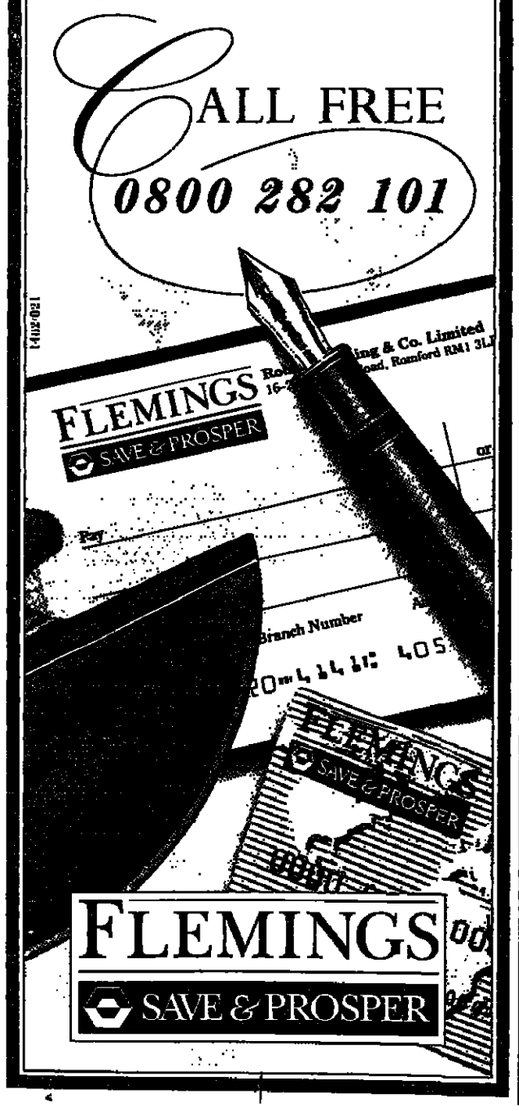
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IoD presses for full disclosure of reward assessment by firms

Major backs executive pay guidelines

By Jonathan Prynn

JOHN MAJOR has backed proposed guidelines on executive pay calling for companies to publish the reasons for large increases in directors' remuneration.

The Government has already indicated that it will examine excessive executive pay rises after protests about the 75 per cent rise for Cedric Brown, the chief executive of British Gas.

The Institute of Directors is to urge full disclosure by companies of the basis for calculating top salaries. A Downing Street spokesman said the Government "would welcome efforts in the private sector" to tackle the matter of executive remuneration.

The institute's guidelines are likely to be published in February and will cover the whole range of executive rewards including options and rolling contracts.

They are expected to go far beyond the recommendations in the Cadbury report and will include the disclosure of factors taken into account when setting directors' remuneration such as individual and company performance and levels of pay in other countries.

A spokesman for the institute said: "Justification means telling outsiders why you have come to that conclusion." The new guidelines would be aimed at restoring public confidence in executive rewards, he said. "We want to see the capitalist system, of which the company is the jewel in the crown, in good repute and the public image of directors and companies enhanced." Labour also backed the institute's proposals and has written to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, demanding a complete overhaul of the way in which directors' pay is fixed.

Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, who wrote the letter, said that company remuneration committees should "include people who have their feet on the same planet as the rest of us."

He added: "People who don't have a vested interest in jacking up pay awards, and who have a thorough grounding in common sense are essential if the growing tide of public anger is to be quelled."

Committee members could include representatives of institutional shareholders or the workforce or an independent figure with no connections with the company.

"At the moment top directors' pay is fixed by other top directors each one who might be said to have a vested increase in upping the going rate," he said.


Cedric Brown: big rise

Inflation 'easier to control this time'

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN may be able to control inflationary pressures with a lower level of interest rates than needed in past recoveries because monetary and fiscal policies have, this time, been tightened earlier in the cycle, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In the UK section of its semi-annual *Economic Outlook*, the OECD said that the authorities will have to remain vigilant against the possibility of a pick-up in inflation. But it expects interest rates to rise to only 7.5 per cent in 1996, a much lower level than in previous economic cycles.

The OECD predicts that inflation — as measured by the gross domestic product price deflator, rather than the Government's underlying retail prices measure, will rise to about 3 per cent in 1996, above the mid-point of the Government's 1 per cent to 4 per cent target range.

The economy is expected to grow about 3.5 per cent this year, reflecting a slowdown in the pace of recovery in the final quarter, and by the same amount next year. In 1996, growth is predicted to slow down to 3 per cent.

The big question in forecasting the British economy over the next two years is how quickly and to what extent higher investment and employment can offset higher taxes and interest rates.


Ringing in the new: Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, officially started trading by ringing a bell at the new premises of the London Metal Exchange in the City of London yesterday. The exchange deals in base metals from around the world.

Business Roundup

Bletchley Motor and Charles Sidney merge

CHARLES Sidney, the Yorkshire Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicle and car dealer, and Bletchley Motor Group, the Buckinghamshire multi-franchise dealer, have confirmed plans to merge via an agreed all-share offer. The recommended offer by Charles Sidney of 2.8938 new shares for each Bletchley share values them at about 260p and the whole of Bletchley at about £16 million. Shareholders in Bletchley, whose franchises include Rover, Honda, Ford, Vauxhall and Peugeot, will own 57.1 per cent of the merged group, to be called BMG Charles Sidney, and will have a special 2p dividend once the merger is fully unconditional.

The merged group, which will have an estimated market value of about £36 million, is expected to generate annual sales of between £150 million and £180 million. It will include the largest Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicle dealer and one of its leading car dealers in the UK, while the contract hire and rental fleet will exceed 2,500 vehicles offering national coverage. Bletchley directors have undertaken to accept in respect of about 23.5 per cent of the group's shares.

Offer for Fairhaven

EAGLEVILLE, a company registered in Bermuda and owned by Fred Olsen, the Norwegian shipping company, has made a recommended offer of about 29p a share for all shares that it does not hold in Fairhaven International, the engineering and construction group. Fairhaven, listed in London, is not controlled by Fred Olsen. The offer, which values the company at about £71 million, will take Fairhaven, which came to the London stock market in 1991, private. Fairhaven, in which Eagleville has a 28.9 per cent stake, last year reported a profit of $16.4 million, on a turnover of $462 million.

Edmond chairman quits

ANDREW NAISH, chairman of Edmond Holdings, the housebuilder, has resigned after shareholders rejected plans to buy Linden, an unquoted housebuilder in Surrey, Sussex and Cheshire. Mr Naish resigned after an extraordinary meeting yesterday, making way for David Walsh, who becomes non-executive chairman. Mr Naish remains a director, temporarily continuing his duties as finance director. Mr Walsh said the view among major institutional shareholders was that Edmond had weathered recession well under the current management team and that an alternate strategy for enhancement of shareholder value should be pursued.

Halkin sells brewery

HALKIN Holdings, the branded products group headed by Howard Hodgson, has sold T Hoskins, its brewery, to a management buyout team. The total consideration of about £1.7 million will be satisfied through the payment of £1.2 million in cash and £500,000 to be re-invested by way of convertible preference shares at 50p in Tom Hoskins Brewery, the buyout vehicle. Proceeds of the disposal will be used to provide additional working capital for Halkin and to contribute towards new business opportunities, including acquisitions. Mr Hodgson said the board expected to recommend a full-year dividend for 1994.

Care UK recovering

CARE UK, the nursing homes group, expressed confidence about the future as it announced an "illustrative" set of results to clarify the effects of the large restructuring in March. Operating profits rose 95 per cent, from £1.3 million to £2.5 million, and pre-tax profits £1.7 million. There is no final dividend. The shares rose 1p to 6½p. The restructuring involved the disposal of the sheltered housing development business and its associated debt, the purchase of two nursing homes and a share issue. On a purely statutory basis, a loss of £5.3 million was turned into a profit of £7.9 million.

Wm Baird acquisition

WILLIAM Baird is to buy Morris Cohen, a supplier of lingerie and underwear to Marks and Spencer, for £11.5 million through the issue of 2 million new shares at 215p each, £4.4 million in loan notes and £2.8 million in cash. Donald Parr, Baird's chairman, said the deal would consolidate the group's position. The newly acquired business is forecast to incur a pre-tax loss of £500,000 in the year to December 31 on sales of more than £32 million. Net assets are about £6.5 million before the £2 million dividend paid to the vendors.

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Ivory & Sime stronger

IVORY & SIME, the investment management firm, increased pre-tax profits 11.7 per cent to £3.1 million in the first half to October 31, helped by a fall in costs. Funds under management were held at £3.7 billion. Earnings per share were 10.3 per cent higher at 6.52p and the interim dividend stays at 2.25p. The firm is reorganising so that management of the business is separate from that of investment management. Six directors will resign from the board and be appointed, with Colin Hook, the new managing director, to the board of I&S Investment Management on January 1.

Regulator limits rail competition

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

COMPETITION on Britain's railways is to be strictly limited until 2002 because of doubts about its impact on services, and the difficulty of letting train operating franchises.

Only companies that take up government train operating franchises will be allowed to offer passenger services during the first four years of privatisation, John Swift, the rail regulator, has ruled. Severe restrictions will be imposed on new entrants for three years thereafter.

The decision, contained in a policy statement issued yesterday, reveals deep concerns on the part of the regulator about the possible impact of competition upon services. Mr Swift said he was "convinced that there are substantial benefits to both train operators and passengers to be realised from the introduction of competition between train operators".

However, he said controls were necessary to enable the 25 regional franchises to be successfully let. He added: "I do not believe it would be wise to expose train operators or passengers to the risks of experimenting with uncontrolled competition.

"Any adverse effects on the privatisation process could negate many of the expected benefits of the restructuring of the industry for consumers."

The rail regulator's decision to place severe limits on the extent of competition on the railway for the first eight years will provide fresh ammunition for critics of the Government's privatisation plans.

Ministers have declared their intention to privatise Railtrack, the core company that owns the track, signals and stations, within the lifetime of this parliament — a maximum of 2½ years.

The first eight regional franchises are to be offered next year. Only existing British Rail managers are known to have shown any serious interest in taking them over.

Evidence is mounting that the rail privatisation project — dubbed by Robert Adley, the late Conservative chairman of the cross-party Transport Committee, a "poll tax on wheels" — will be far more difficult than ministers had envisaged.


Swift: severe restrictions

Berisford suspended on talk of acquisition

By Susan Gilchrist

DEALINGS in the shares of Berisford International, the former commodities and property group, have been temporarily suspended. The action was taken pending an announcement after speculation that the group is in talks to buy Welbilt Corporation, a Connecticut commercial kitchen equipment manufacturer, for £300 million.

Berisford, which this year bought the Magnet kitchen and joinery business for £56 million, has been looking for a large acquisition in America in order to take advantage of its $600 million of accumulated tax losses in that country. Any deal is likely to be financed by a rights issue.

Berisford's shares rose 18p to 228p on Friday on rumours of the bid.

Welbilt is 50 per cent owned by Jerome Kohlberg, one of the founders of Kohlberg-Kravis Roberts, the leveraged buyout specialist. The company makes pre-tax profits of more than $50 million on sales of about $425 million. The acquisition of Welbilt would mark another stage in the rehabilitation of Berisford. The group came close to the brink of collapse a few years ago after its foray into the US property market left it with vast losses.

Court gives approval for BCCI payout

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

THE High Court has approved a $1.8 billion compensation deal agreed between the liquidators and creditors of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International and its main shareholder, the Abu Dhabi authorities.

The judge, Richard Scott, rejected objections from former BCCI employees. A spokesman for Touche Ross, the UK-based liquidators, said it was "another significant hurdle crossed on the road to a dividend for creditors". Approval is also needed from the Luxembourg and Cayman Islands courts. The bank's liquidators put forward their proposals to the Luxembourg court at the beginning of the month. A ruling is expected on January 12, the day the Cayman Islands court is due to hear the case.

Under the terms of the $1.8 billion deal, Abu Dhabi would pay $1.55 billion immediately after court approval, $150 million 24 months later and $100 million 12 months after that.

The creditors approved the package in October and hope to receive an initial payment by July, four years after BCCI was closed by banking regulators. The liquidators' target is a payment of 20p in the pound by July.

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Finland Mkk	8.24	7.64
France Fr	8.98	8.28
Germany Dm	2.61	2.40
Greece Dr	400.00	375.00
Hong Kong $	12.71	11.71
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2675.00	2520.00
Japan Yen	170.50	154.50
Malta	0.633	0.578
Netherlds Gld	2.899	2.669
Norway Kr	11.31	10.51
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Sweden Kr	12.43	11.63
Switzerland Fr	2.21	2.03
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Employment stabilises as output and orders rise strongly

Jobs outlook brightens for engineers

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

JOBS in the engineering industry are no longer being cut as output and orders continue to increase strongly, engineering companies said yesterday.

The stabilisation of employment in engineering is in line with recent government claims that the number of jobs in the economy is rising for the first time in five years.

Employment in engineering fell sharply in the recession, but new evidence yesterday from the Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF) suggested that employment has now probably stabilised, and may even have risen marginally.

In its latest quarterly business trends, the EEF said that more firms in the industry were now increasing than cutting employment, with 34 per cent of those surveyed increasing jobs and 17 per cent reducing them — a balance between the two of 17 per cent.

The EEF warned, however, that total employment in the industry was probably still not rising significantly, because firms increasing jobs tended to be small, while those still cutting them tended to be larger companies, which were still making "substantial reductions" in their payrolls.

Even so, the results of the survey of almost 1,800 engineering companies between mid-November and early December were satisfying for the industry, especially as UK demand stayed at a good level.

Ian Thompson, EEF economics adviser, said: "The survey results are encouraging. We are pleasantly surprised by two findings. UK business is holding up, and growing just as strongly as exports. And on employment, though large firms are still reducing jobs, our best estimate is that the fall in employment has bottomed out." On exports, a balance of a quarter of all firms surveyed are recording new orders, while at 23 per cent, the figure for new UK orders is barely behind. A third of all companies are reporting an increase in total orders, while a balance of 39 per cent say that output is rising.

Industry leaders had been concerned that sluggish consumer spending on such items as cars might have hit UK orders in the fourth quarter of this year, and are pleased that such fears seem to have been groundless, with output and new orders rising now as rapidly as they were earlier in the year.

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☐ More than paper is needed to win Northern ☐ Realities in the luxury car market ☐ Rail regulator accepts defeat

Low voltage bid

☐ THE directors of Northern Electric can relax and look forward to Christmas. Last week, everyone assumed they would soon be gobbled up by a rapacious conglomerate. Yesterday, when Trafalgar House finally revealed its hand, it read more like a begging letter — "Profitable business desperately required. Demanding shareholder and vast equity base to support. Please give generously."

Trafalgar has been no friend to any of its shareholders in recent years, since it has been forced to pass the cap round repeatedly to shore up its balance sheet. Now it has discovered that its existing business are simply not profitable or cash generative enough to make an adequate return on all the money that has been pumped in, not least by Hongkong Land, its 25 per cent shareholder. So the group has cast around to find a business that generates pots of cash. Now it has found one, it naturally wants to buy it cheap.

Trafalgar's attempts to justify its bid on industrial grounds are laughably transparent. The best it can come up with is to say that it employs almost as many people in the North East as Northern. Then again, so does the Department of Social Security, but it is not bidding. And the proud boast of Nigel Rich, Trafalgar's chief executive, about the group's management skills was burst last weekend when the QE2 maiden voyage after a £30 million refit became a fiasco. Trafalgar's management knows hardly anything about Britain's regulated electricity industry. The proposed deal is financially driven, and the chance for Trafalgar to use £226 million in unrelieved advance corporation tax is a thick layer of icing on top.

Trafalgar thinks it can snatch up Northern in another blizzard of paper, 725 million convertible preference shares in all, even though it already has the sap of several forests on its hands. One has to admire the powers of Trafalgar's advisers for persuading institutions to sub-underwrite the issue, since it is only a year since investors were buried in a £404 million convertible from the same source.

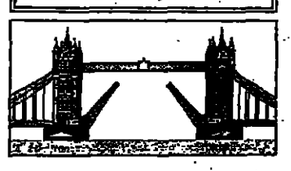
This however is academic for most of Northern's shareholders who would naturally spurn Trafalgar's paper, preferring to take the full cash alternative and run. The offer of £10.48 a share may look generous to anyone who paid 240p in the privatisation only three years ago. But they should thank the incompetence of the Treasury for underpricing the issue so wildly and remember that such handouts do not come along often before passing on some of the benefit to someone else.

After stripping out the value of Northern's stake in the Grid, which would be distributed to shareholders if it stays independent, the value of the bid drops to 848p. In prospective price/earnings terms that scarcely scrapes into double figures. Unless Trafalgar comes up with something considerably more generous, Northern's shareholder loyalty should not be troubled.

Engine to power Rolls's future

☐ ONCE upon a time, other manufacturers sought the cachet of being allowed to use a Rolls-Royce engine in their more pretentious models. But those days have long gone. Rolls-Royce Motors ceased to be, as it were, engine-driven, when separated from its eponymous former parent after the disaster of 1971. Had

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that not happened, the history of other aviation industry companies running car offshoots does not suggest it would have enjoyed a great future.

Maybe the company could have taken a different turn in the late 1950s, revolutionising itself to become a world-class motor manufacturer as BMW did. But the same could be said of so much of British industry. Soft-focus nostalgia for past greatness is now an unhelpful myth. It should not cloud a sensible deal that could at last allow the Crewe company to escape from its cul de sac.

Vickers is, at best, a medium-sized specialist engineering group by world standards, worth about £600 million and spread across four challenging high-technology sectors that need strong cash flow to fund research. Rolls-Royce Motors had the murkiest future, despite the thorough and life-saving re-organisation that has cut overheads and halved the break-even output.

Bringing in a new generation of engines that Vickers could neither afford to develop nor to manufacture is a vital step. At the modest volumes to which it is committed, Rolls-Royce Motors needs high margins, much like the rest of the Vickers group. But it also needs to sell vehicles at a price that makes them available to a wider range of people than nostalgic Anglophiles and a few self-indulgent super-rich and pop stars whose fortunes are likely to prove fickle.

The planned new smaller Bentley model should help to improve the reputation of the group's two marques. The cars have become symbols of conspicuous consumption rather than excellence. The wonderful brand names appeal to values that hold little attraction to many of the wealthy young and are therefore depreciating. Rolls-Royce Motors is recovering towards a respectable profit. It has a lot further to go to make its future as glorious as its past. The BMW deal is another big step in the right direction.

Competition goes off the rails

☐ ONE of the lesser complexities of rail privatisation is the built-in tension between different regulators, a feature that has already enlivened the water industry. The Rail Regulator has to balance the direct interests of consumers and their wider interest in a healthy railway system. The franchise director has to spend a diluted pot of subsidy to obtain the most service for the least outlay from taxpayers. Yesterday's statement from John Swift QC, the rail regulator, confirms that franchising takes precedence over competition.

Mr Swift made it clear in an earlier paper that he was anxious to leave some potential for competition for those with bright new ideas, while ensuring that franchises for most existing services would be taken up. He has now shelved meaningful competition in passenger services for at least five years, probably eight.

Franchising is still at an early stage. But it is clear that would-be operators will not need to queue for the director's attention. The main problems are with Railtrack. As shadow operators have discovered, their services and their goodwill are, to a great extent, outside their control. Railtrack's privatisation requires it to earn instant, reliable and hefty profits within a loss-making industry. That looks an even greater deterrent to franchise haggling. New operators need a big chunk of their charges to be revenue-related if they are to face acceptable risks. Given these issues and the thin subsidy gruel, competition had to go.

That makes sense. After what has happened on the buses, most customers would probably do without competition if they thought they could rely on trains operating at affordable prices with better regulatory pressure on quality of service. But competition was the vital new ingredient that justified abandoning the progress made by British Rail and starting all over again. The mind-boggling new rail matrix is structured for competition that will, literally, exist only at the margins.

Payout rises 26% as earnings leap at East Midlands

By Eric Reguly

EAST Midlands Electricity, freed of its loss-making contracting businesses, yesterday reported sharply higher earnings. The interim dividend will, however, be lower than that expected in the City.

Pre-tax earnings for the half year to September 30 rose 34 per cent, to £86 million, while earnings per share increased 37 per cent, to 30.2p. Turnover declined 7 per cent, to £619.3 million, largely because marginal supply contracts are being dropped. The interim dividend, payable on March 23, has been increased 26.5 per cent, to 8.6p. The underlying increase is 12.2 per cent. Analysts had expected a couple of percentage points higher.

The shares closed at 851p, up 41p.

News of the dividend rate comes less than a month after the company gave £186.5 million back to shareholders through a special dividend of 85p and swapped 25 existing shares for 22 new shares. The measures had the same effect as the share buybacks adopted by most of the other regional electricity companies.

Norman Askew, chief executive of East Midlands, said the closure this year of the company's three money-losing contracting businesses, which employed about 700 workers, helped to boost earnings.

More jobs will be eliminated over the next few years, but Mr Askew would not say how many. "People in the business know we have to get more costs out," he stressed.

Employment in the core electricity business currently stands at about 4,100, down from almost 5,000 in 1992.

The company confirmed speculation that it may sell Homepower, the 120-store retail chain it owns with Yorkshire Electricity, to the chain's management.

Mr Askew would not say whether the sale was likely to succeed.

The stores, which have about 1,500 employees, lost £6.8 million in the first half and Yorkshire last week said they may have to be closed if a buyer is not found.

Mr Askew would not say whether he thought Trafalgar House's £1.2 billion bid for Northern Electricity represented fair value.

East Midlands has not been approached by a potential bidder and is not holding merger talks with any other electricity companies, Mr Askew said.

DOUG MARKE



Norman Askew, left, and Bob Davies, finance director

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Premier prepares takeover bid

PREMIER Consolidated Oilfields has begun talks with Amerada Hess, with a view to acquiring the US oil and gas major's 48.3 per cent interest in Pict Petroleum as a prelude to a full takeover bid for Pict (Martin Barrow writes).

Premier said an offer for its fellow UK oil exploration and production company would comprise a share swap that was unlikely to value the equity at a premium to yesterday's opening price of 141p and the company at about £72.9 million. Pict shares rose 14p to close at 155p last night; Premier shares added 1½p to 23p.

Premier said it would seek talks with the board of Pict, with a view to making a recommended offer.

Amerada would subscribe for new shares at a price of about 30p each, "demonstrating Amerada's confidence in the prospects for the enlarged group". Meanwhile, the Pict board said it would seek to ensure that the interests of independent shareholders were protected. Tempus, page 22

Stanhope temporarily reprieved

STANHOPE Properties teetered on the edge of receivership last night after bankers agreed to extend £143 million in credit facilities for another three days while talks over a possible refinancing continued. A consortium of 16 banks, led by Barclays, will review the position on Thursday. Stanhope's banking facilities technically expired yesterday, but lenders agreed the extension (Jon Ashworth writes).

Talks are likely to centre on prospects for the Broadgate and Ludgate office schemes in the City of London, in which Stanhope, has a 50 per cent interest. Rosehaugh, which owns the other half, is already in receivership.

Options from receivership to a more lasting debt extension are being considered. A bid is on the table from British Land, which owns 29.9 per cent of Stanhope. PosTel, the post and telecommunications pension fund, has proposed a £250 million rights issue to pay off the debt and buy Rosehaugh's stake from the receiver.

Allied sells biscuit business

By Philip Pangalos

ALLIED DOMECQ, the drinks and retailing group, is continuing to shed its food manufacturing interests with the sale of Lyons Biscuits, its UK biscuit business, to Hillsdown Holdings for an undisclosed sum. Analysts estimate the deal is worth just over £20 million.

The Lyons business is based in Blackpool, where 780 people make a range of biscuits, including Maryland Cookies, its main brand, and products for the own-label market. Allied has already announced the sales of DCA Food Industries, Margetts Foods and Lyons Seafoods.

The biscuit business is understood to be profitable, with turnover of £44 million in the year to March 5. Net operating assets stand at £15.6 million. Hillsdown intends to merge the Lyons business with Premier Biscuits, its own chocolate biscuit manufacturing operation, whose product range includes Cadbury's Fingers and Cadbury's Snack.

David Newton, Hillsdown's chief executive, said the acquisition "gives us a good opportunity to strengthen our position as biscuit manufacturers in key niche sectors".

ITT to pay $1.7bn for Caesars World

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

THE ITT Corporation will pay $1.7 billion for Caesars World, the gambling, casino and entertainment giant. The deal is likely to unite ITT's Sheraton hotel chain with the three big casino-hotels run by Caesars World in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Atlantic City, as well as another run by Caesars in Canada.

ITT will pay $67.50 a share for all of Caesars' shares, a 49 per cent premium over Friday's closing price of $45.25 a share. Executives said that although the takeover is subject to regulatory approval, it should be complete by spring.

"Caesars World represents a tremendous opportunity for ITT," said Rand Araskog, chairman, president and chief executive of ITT. "The acquisition helps ITT create one of the premier hospitality, gaming and entertainment companies in the world."

The purchase comes just months after ITT's acquisition, with a television cable company, of Madison Square Garden, the New York sports and entertainment landmark, and a 70 per cent interest in the Ciga hotel chain, which has 31 hotels in Europe. Analysts said ITT was pressing on with plans to build its entertainment and hotel businesses alongside its insurance and manufacturing interests.

ITT's Hartford Insurance business accounts for about $10 billion in annual revenue and ITT Industries has sales of about $8 billion. After the completion of the latest deals, ITT's hotel, gaming and entertainment group would have sales of more than $6 billion.

The Caesars World properties include Caesars Palace, a 1,500-room Las Vegas casino hotel, Caesars Tahoe, a 440-room resort on Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and Caesars Atlantic City, a 641-room facility in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Casino Windsor, in Canada, is managed by Caesars World, Circus Circus Enterprises and Hilton Hotels and is owned by the Ontario Government.



Caesar: changing hands

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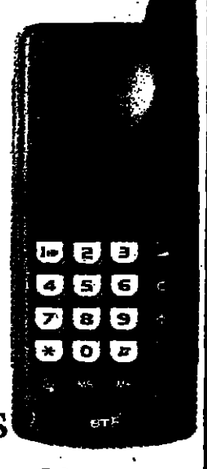
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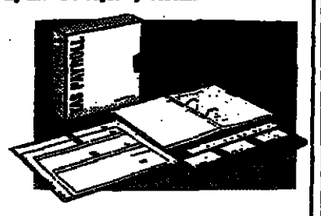
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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Shares climb on back of bids and futures buying

THERE was a hint of some much needed festive spirit in trading on the equity market as share prices attempted to build on Friday's gains. Another burst of futures related buying and further activity on the takeover front convinced investors that share prices are set to enjoy a strong flurry to the end of the year, though an opening fall of more than 21 points in the Dow Jones average on Wall Street was enough to close the FT-SE 100 index below its best of the day after a blistering start. Having been almost 35 points higher in early trading, the index eventually closed 20.8 up at 3,034.4. Turnover levels remained disappointing, with only 472 million shares traded by the close.

Northern Electric touched £10.65 before settling at £10.18, a rise on the day of 33p, as the much-heralded bid from **Trafalgar House** finally emerged. The terms are £44.35 cash, *plus* 65 new convertible preference shares for every 10 shares in Northern Electric, valuing the entire company at £1.2 billion, or £10.77 a share. Last night Northern described the offer as inadequate.

Trafalgar's 25 per cent shareholder Hongkong Land is throwing its full weight behind the move and intends to subscribe for 310.7 million of the convertible preference shares to prevent dilution of Hongkong Land's stake.

Simon Keswick, Trafalgar's chairman, said he did not expect the bid to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and said the timetable took into account the Government's decision to retain the golden share in Northern until March. Trafalgar closed down 1p at 73p.

Elsewhere, **East Midland** rounded off the reporting season with a rise of 41p to 851p after rewarding shareholders with a generous increase of almost 27 per cent in the interim payout to 8.6p. It coincided with a jump in pretax profits of 34 per cent to £86 million.

Bid speculation continued to drive the rest of the sector higher as investors pondered who the next bid target might be. Rises were recorded in **Eastern**, 17p to 784p, **London**, 34p to 774p, **Manweb**, 19p to 868p, **Norweb**, 28¼p to 827p, **Seeboard**, 5p to 477p, **South West**, 20p to 875p, **South Wales**, 28p to 879p, and **Yorkshire**, 10p to 697p.



Trafficmaster shares jumped on news of BMW orders

Portals, the paper maker, raced up a further 45p to 965p still awaiting bid terms from **De La Rue**, the banknote printer. Both resumed talks a few weeks back after earlier negotiations collapsed back in May. Brokers are looking for an agreed bid valuing Portals at more than £10 a share. De La Rue firmed 1p to 956p.

Pict Petroleum advanced 14p to 155p on learning that rival **Premier Consolidated Oilfields** is thinking of making a bid. Premier is currently in talks with Pict's 48 per cent shareholder Amerada Hess, the US oil company, which could lead to it making a full bid. At current levels, Pict is valued at around £84 million. Brokers say Premier, 1¼p firmer at 22¾p, may have to offer at least 170p a share to have any hope of the bid succeeding. **SG Warburg** continued to react to last week's breakdown in merger talks with Morgan Stanley, losing 28p at 685p. There is now a question-mark over Warburg's future role in the Square Mile. News of the departure of Peter Twachtmann, joint chief of the bank's fixed interest division, only added to the gloom shrouding sentiment in the shares. But there are still a few bright spots in the sector, with **Kleinwort Benson** adding 12p at 535p on persistent hopes it will be the next takeover target in the Square Mile.

Saatchi & Saatchi dipped 3p to 151p in the wake of Friday's boardroom bust-up which resulted in the departure of founder and chairman Maurice Saatchi following a shareholder revolt. Robert Louis-Dreyfus, who was originally appointed chief executive a few years back, also resigned as non-executive director. Jeremy Sinclair, deputy chairman, takes on the roll of chairman until a successor is found.

Shares of **Berisford** were suspended at 228p pending an announcement. Reports over the weekend claimed the group has made a £300 million offer for Welbilt Corporation, the US commercial kitchen maker. Earlier this year Berisford paid £56 million for Magnet, the joinery specialist.

Vickers firmed 2p to 179p after choosing BMW, the German car maker, to link up with its Rolls-Royce luxury car maker to develop a new range of RR and Bentley cars. BMW is believed to have pipped its arch-rival Mercedes at the post in clinching the deal.

Meanwhile, shares of **Trafficmaster** also responded positively to news of a deal it has struck with BMW with a rise of 21p to 161p. BMW has asked Trafficmaster to instal its live traffic information systems as standard in its top-of-the-range BMW 750i series of cars. Trafficmaster's infrastructure is now in place monitoring 2,000 miles of motorway and 400 miles of major trunk roads.

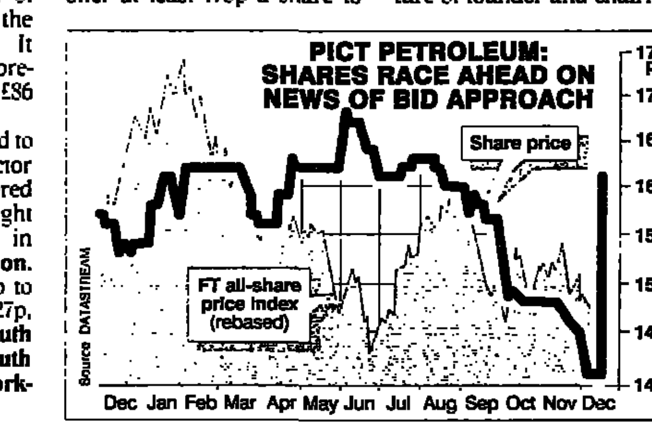
Shares of **Stanhope**, the USM-quoted property developer, more than halved from 14p to 6p as the group teetered on the brink and its bankers met for talks. In the event, the banks have agreed to extend its credit facility for the time being.

☐ **GILT EDGED**: Gilts ended the session with modest gains in thin trading, having out-performed German bunds amid reports of switching from one market to the other. After marking time for much of the day, the March series of the Long Gilt put in a late spurt, firming five ticks to finish at £102⁵/₁₆ as 12,000 contracts were completed.

At the long end of the conventional market Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £¹/₈ to £105³/₈, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was a tick better at £103⁴/₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Profit-taking after Friday's rally saw Wall Street shares lower and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 24.56 points down at 3,782.63.

BLACK Arrow, the office furniture supplier, firmed a further 2p to close at a new high for the year of 49p, reflecting last month's interim figures, which showed pre-tax profits more than trebled at £1.13 million and the dividend doubled to 1p. *At these levels the shares yield 8½ per cent.*



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3782.63 (-24.56)
S&P Composite	456.75 (-2.05)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19270.85 (+107.42)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8178.34 (+11.95)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	410.85 (+2.47)
Sydney:	
AO	1900.0 (+3.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2075.94 (+5.88)
Singapore:	
Straits	2165.19 (+15.47)
Brussels:	
General	7208.71 (+2.74)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1928.09 (+3.93)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	646.10 (+0.80)
London:	
FT 30	2331.1 (+16.8)
FT 100	3034.4 (+20.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3460.0 (+22.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1332.17 (+2.52)
FT A All-Share	1505.86 (+9.81)
FT Non Financials	1625.55 (+11.05)
FT Gold Mines	225.3 (+0.9)
FT Fixed Interest	109.72 (same)
FT Govt Secs	91.90 (-0.07)
Bargains	21527
SEAQ Volume	477.2m
USM (Datastrm)	148.61 (-0.62)
US$	1.5612 (-0.0015)
German Mark	2.4573 (+0.0018)
Exchange Index	80.4 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2858
£:SDR	1.0766
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Ashbourne (150)	148	...
Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	95	...
BSkyB	257½	+½
Clydeport	166	-1
Euclidian (100)	102	...
Euroveln (141)	140	...
Fidelity Spec V Uts	468	...
Finsbry Sml Cos C (100)	98	...
First Russ Frntrs ($10)	620	...
Fleming Nat Res (100)	92	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	104½	...
H Gov 1000 Inv (100)	101	...
Hydro Intl (80)	83	...
INVESCO Korea C	96	...
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
JJB Sports (215)	228	...
Klin Capital (100)	100	...
Leg & Gen Rec (100)	99	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mathsn Lloyds Inv (100)	87	...
Murray Emrg Ec (100)	92	...
RAP Group	138	...
RM (175)	205	-3
Residential Prop	101	-4
SeaPerfect (120)	129	...
Telewest Coms (182)	181	-½
Wellington Under (100)	102	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cowie n/p (190)	27	+9
Division Grp n/p (100)	25	-2
Inspirations n/p (120)	15	...
MY n/p (53)	¼	-¼
OMI n/p (37)	2	...
Saltire n/p (12)	¼	...
Tomorrows Leis n/p (10)	½	...
Usborne n/p (25)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
London Clubs	239p (+13p)
Carlton Comm	875p (+16p)
Reed Int	782p (+17p)
M & G	955p (+13p)
FALLS:	
SG Warburg	685p (-28p)
Flextech	420p (-10p)
Sterling Pub	96p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Protection money

FIGURES from East Midlands Electricity, which marked the end of the electricity sector's reporting season, were rather overshadowed by events further north yesterday, but they were a far better indication of the shape of things to come than any barrage from Trafalgar House.

EME, for so long the whipping boy of the sector, took a bold step forward last month when it geared up its balance sheet to pay an 85p special dividend. At the time, it looked as though the company was putting temptation out of its reach, following a disastrous record of spending its excess cash on diversifiation. Now, however, other regional electricity companies may follow EME's lead as a bid defence against marauders like Trafalgar.

Highly geared RECs would undoubtedly be far less attractive to predators than cash-rich ones. So most independent-minded RECs are looking for ways to distribute excess cash even more effectively than they have been doing. Special dividends are likely to be favoured over share buy-backs, despite tax disadvantages. The latter are rarely available to private shareholders and erode a company's equity base, increasing its bid vulnerability.

EME's only trouble is that its cash handout has hardly troubled the earnings power of the business. The special dividend will put gearing at the year end at around 30 per cent. That will rise further when EME pays the capital gains tax due on the National Grid float, but with the group generating up to £200 million a year before financing, it could pay regular special dividends without threatening prudent borrowing levels of around 80 per cent gearing and interest cover of five times. A smoother method of distributing wealth to shareholders would be a step change in the dividend to as much as 50p a year, so investors win either way.

Despite the tremendous performance of REC shares in the past year, few investors can afford to ignore them. Either the companies will defend their independence by handing lumps of cash to shareholders, or they will become prey to larger takeover bids.

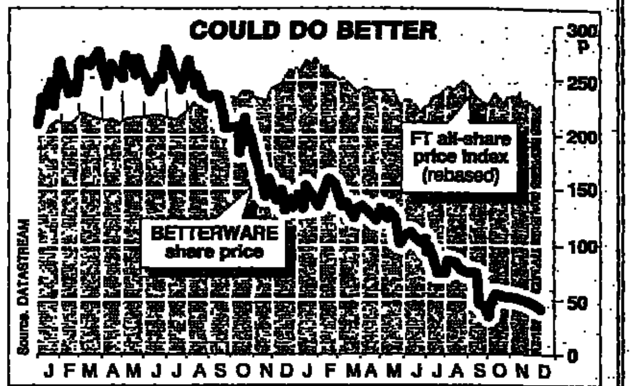
Betterware

IF the City's fund managers awarded a booby prize for the most disliked share of 1994, Betterware would be the top nomination. One senior investment manager recently said that Betterware was on his "white coats" list: if he ever bought it, the men in white coats would come and take him away.

The performance of the shares, which have fallen almost three-quarters from their year's high of 165p, certainly bears out such antipathy. Earnings fell by 50 per cent in the half-year to end-September, which bore out the views of the doubters who always wondered how the group made so much money from its door-to-door catalogue sales business.

Now, Betterware has reshuffled its top team; but if the exercise was intended to improve the group's image in the Square Mile it looks unlikely to succeed. For a start, no fresh blood is being drafted in. Instead, Andrew Cohen moves up a rung from chief executive to *executive* chairman — note the emphasis — leaving no doubt that he is still in charge. The finance director becomes managing director, and Walter Goldsmith, the current chairman, is scaling down his role but staying as a director.

This game of musical boardrooms is unlikely to impress anyone. If Betterware's prospects are as bright as Mr Cohen has always claimed, this may be a perfect opportunity for him to take the company private.



William Baird

WILLIAM Baird's acquisition of Morris Cohen, the Marks & Spencer lingerie supplier, is small but perfectly formed. It further strengthens Baird's position in a sector which is still growing rapidly within M&S and it has acquired the business at a sensible price.

In the current year, Cohen is expected to make a small loss on sales of about £32 million but by merging the business with its existing operations, Baird should have little difficulty in increasing margins to about 5 per cent next year. At that level the deal is comfortably earnings enhancing. The fact that the production facilities of both parties are geographically close will make taking costs out all the easier.

Nevertheless, it will take more than a small canny acquisition to ease the pressure. Baird, like all textile and clothing manufacturers, is grappling with the thorny problem of how to pass on raw material price increases at a time of low inflation and sluggish consumer spending.

Until it can demonstrate that margins are not being damaged, the shares are likely to remain dull.

Premier / Pict

BIDS and deals in the independent energy sector have been sparse in recent years thanks to the depressed oil price, but Premier Consolidated has created a bit of pre-Christmas excitement with its plans to bid for Pict Petroleum. In keeping with the downbeat nature of the sector, Premier was quick to point out that it had no intention of parting with real money for Pict: only paper, and that it would not pay any kind of bid premium for the North Sea operator.

The group that seems keenest on the deal is Amerada Hess, Pict's 48.5 per cent shareholder, which is so excited at the prospect of tidying up its holdings that it will not only take Premier's paper, but subscribe for more at a 40 per cent premium to the market price.

The combination of Pict's and Premier's North Sea interests will give the group greater financial clout to operate in a highly consolidated industry, and to develop the clutch of overseas licences each has collected. Unfortunately the eventual deal will not give Pict's outside shareholders a Christmas to remember.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	1023-1022	Mar	1017-1012
Mar	976-975	May	1027-1024
May	973-972	Jul	1044-1030
Jul	979-978	Sep	1058-1050
Sep	988-987		
Dec	1003 SLR		Volume: 4859

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2678-2670	Sep	2595-2590
Mar	2650-2648	Nov	2590-2580
May	2625-2623	Jan	2590-2560
Jul	2610-2600		Volume: 2964

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	362.8-61.5
Spot: 421.50		Dec	354.8-53.0
Mar	410.8-10.0	Mar	353.3-51.0
May	404.3-03.0	May	352.3-49.0
Aug	393.3-92.0		Volume: 985

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(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.84	119.49	118.86
(+/-)	+0.80	-1.50	-2.80
Eng/Wales:	81.84	119.42	118.92
(+/-)	+0.80	-1.76	-2.91
(%)	+19.0	-38.0	-18.0
Scotland:	unq	119.85	118.39
(+/-)	...	-0.17	-1.89
(%)	...	-31.0	-12.0

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.70	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	15.95	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	15.95	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	16.85	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	16.90	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	B:	O:
Premium Gas .15	158 (+1)	160 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	138 (-1)	140 (-1)
Non EEC IH Jan	140 (-3)	142 (-3)
Non EEC IH Feb	142 (-3)	144 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	96 (n/c)	100 (n/c)
Naphtha	164 (-1)	166 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	140.25-40.50	Apr	146.00-46.25
Feb	143.00-43.25	May	146.75-47.00
Mar	145.25-45.50		Vol: 13650

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	15.92-15.93	May	15.95-15.98
Mar	15.90-15.92	Jun	15.97-16.05
Apr	15.92-15.94		Vol: 13510

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	106.10	Jan	103.35
Mar	107.35	Mar	105.15
May	109.30	May	107.00
Jul	110.85	Sep	95.75
Sep	95.75	Nov	96.80
Volume: 163		Volume: 34	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	280.0	281.3
May	unq	298.3
		Volume: 28

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jan 98.75-99.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Dec 94	2010	2005	2013
Jan 95	1890	1870	1883
Feb 95	—	—	1848
Apr 95	1755	1750	1748
Vol: 112 lots		Open interest: 3338	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3027.0-3030.0	2980.0-2985.0	1868975
Lead ($/tonne)	619.00-620.00	638.50-639.00	193250
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	1097.0-1098.0	1126.0-1127.0	481525
Tin ($/tonne)	5830.0-5840.0	5930.0-5935.0	21560
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1843.0-1845.0	1874.0-1876.0	1645625
Nickel ($/tonne)	8145.0-8150.0	8325.0-8330.0	63624

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	550	18½	36½	46	7½	16½	24½
(*559½)	600	2½	14½	23	41½	44½	52
Argyll	240	14½	22½	26½	3½	6½	12
(*250½)	260	4	12	17	13½	15½	22½
ASDA	60	5	7	9	1	3	4
(*64½)	70	0½	3	4½	7	8½	9
Boots	460	31	44	50½	2½	8½	14½
(*486)	500	6	21	28½	19	26	34
Br Airways	330	31½	43	49	1½	6½	14
(*358½)	360	11	25	31½	11	18	27
BP	420	14½	25	34	8	15½	23
(*425)	460	1½	9	17½	36	40	45½
Br Steel	140	18	22½	25½	0½	2½	5
(*157)	160	4	10½	14	6½	10	13
C & W	360	17	31½	38½	7	15½	22½
(*368½)	390	4½	18	24½	24½	32	38½
CU	493	44½	52½	—	1	13	—
(*533½)	543	11	23	—	17½	37½	—
ICI	750	23	40	52½	15	38	44½
(*755½)	800	5½	19½	32	47½	70½	75
Kingfishr	420	20	34½	40	7	16½	25½
(*429½)	460	3½	16	22	31½	39½	48
Land Sec	550	43	56½	62½	1	5	12½
(*590)	600	9½	24½	31	15	21½	33
M & S	360	27½	38	43	1½	5	10
(*384½)	390	8	19½	25½	12	16½	22½
Nat West	500	22	35	46	9½	28	32½
(*510)	550	3½	13½	25	41½	60	63
Sainsbury	390	17	31	38	6	13½	22½
(*399)	420	4	16	23	23½	30½	39
Shell	650	49	58½	64	1	10½	12½
(*694½)	700	11½	24½	34½	15	31½	33½
Smkl Bch	460	14½	27	36½	11½	23½	29½
(*460½)	500	2½	12	20	40½	48	53½
Storehse	200	11½	18	22	3	7	10
(*208)	220	2	8	12½	13½	17	20½
Trafalgar	70	4½	8	11	2½	5	6½
(*73½)	80	0½	4	7	9	10½	12
Unilever	1100	47½	71	84½	7	26½	38½
(*1135)	1150	17½	43	57½	27½	51	63
Zeneca	850	42½	61	72½	10½	26½	35½
(*881½)	900	14½	33½	47	33	52	61
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	390	18	23	35½	14½	20	25
(*398½)	420	6½	16½	23	34½	38½	42½
Ladbroke	140	22½	24	28	0½	5	6
(*159)	160	9½	12½	17½	6½	13	15
Utd Bisc	300	32½	37½	41½	1½	9	12
(*327)	330	12½	19	24½	11	23	26

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	475	11½	26	—	9½	18½	—
(*475)	500	3	14½	21½	26½	32	36½
Thames W	460	22½	38	46	5½	13½	24
(*474)	500	5	18½	26	28½	35	46½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	420	30	39½	42	7½	19½	27½
(*438½)	460	10	19½	29½	27½	41½	49½
BTR	280	14½	18½	24½	8	16½	19½
(*283½)	300	6	9½	16	20	29	31½
Br Aero	409	35½	47½	—	10	22	—
(*430)	448	15½	29½	—	29	42½	—
Br Telcm	360	24	34	41	5	8½	14½
(*375½)	390	8½	18	25	19	22½	29½
Cadbury	390	27½	33½	39	3½	13½	16
(*407½)	420	11	18½	24	18	30	32
Guinness	420	30½	38	43½	4	11½	15
(*442½)	460	8½	16½	23½	21½	32	35
GEC	260	19	26½	30	2½	5½	10
(*273½)	280	7½	14½	19	11	13½	19½
Hanson	220	17½	21	23½	3	6	9
(*233½)	240	6	10	13½	10½	15½	19
LASMO	140	8	13	16	5½	9	10
(*141½)	160	1½	5½	8	19	21½	22
Lucas	200	10	15½	20½	8½	13½	16
(*200)	220	3	8	12½	21½	25½	28
Pilkingtn	160	10	14½	18½	3	6½	10
(*163½)	180	2½	6	10	16½	18½	21½
Prudential	300	25	29½	34	5	13	15½
(*317½)	330	9	13½	19½	18½	29	31½
Redland	420	42½	50	54½	5	15½	20½
(*453)	460	17	26½	32	19	36½	41
R-Royce	160	16	19½	23	2½	6½	8½
(*172)	180	4½	9½	13	11½	16½	18½
Tesco	220	22	28½	29½	1	7	9½
(*237½)	240	8	14	17½	8½	15½	18½
Vodafone	200	10	17	20½	7	11	14
(*201)	217	3½	—	—	18	—	—
Williams	300	22	29½	32	3½	11½	12½
(*317)	330	6	13½	17½	18	27½	29½

FT-SE INDEX (*3034½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Jan	175½	134	99	68	43	26
Feb	199	163	129½	99½	73½	52½
Mar	213½	177	146½	117½	93½	73
Apr	222	189	161	134	111½	93½
Jun	248	—	188½	—	135½	—
Puts						
Jan	16	29½	45	67	94½	129
Feb	35	50	67½	89½	113½	143
Mar	52	66	86½	107½	134	164
Apr	62	77½	101	121½	149	179½
Jun	80	—	118½	—	167	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	29	38	43½	0	9½	15
(*419)	420	2½	18	26	4	23½	29½
Amstrad	125	11	15	19	0½	4	7
(*135)	150	0½	4	8	15	18½	20½
Barclays	600	11	36	47½	1	26	33½
(*609)	650	0	14½	26½	41	57	63
Blue Circ	260	18	29	33	0	5	13
(*278)	280	2	17½	22	4	13	22½
Br Gas	300	6½	18½	25½	1	8½	16½
(*306)	330	0	6	12	24	26½	34½
Dixons	160	16	20	25½	0	4	7
(*176)	180	1	9	14½	4½	12½	16
Forte	220	16½	24	27½	0	4	9½
(*236½)	240	1	11½	16	4½	12	18½
Hillsdwn	160	16	20½	23	0	1½	5
(*176)	180	1	8	11	5½	9	16½
Lonrho	140	10½	14½	19	0½	5	7½
(*150)	160	0½	5	10	10½	15½	18½
Sears	100	7	11½	13	0½	2½	4½
(*107)	110	0½	6½	7½	4½	7	9½
Thrn Emi	1000	13½	48	73½	2½	24	32
(*1010½)	1050	0	24	47	39½	51½	57½
Tomkins	200	14	19½	25½	0	5	8½
(*214)	220	1	9	15½	6½	14½	18
TSB	220	18	24	27	0	6½	9
(*238)	240	1½	11½	16	3½	15½	18½
Wellcome	650	28½	56	71	0½	24	35½
(*677½)	700	1½	30	46½	23	50½	61½
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	46½	60½	76	4½	21½	28
(*638½)	650	16	32½	50	23½	45½	52
HSBC	650	56	74½	84	4	24½	31½
(*699)	700	22	45	56½	20	48	55½
Reuter	460	30	32½	43	8½	19½	26½
(*469)	500	5	14½	25½	33½	42½	49
Series		Feb	May	Jul	Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	280	16	23	28	10½	18½	20½
(*282½)	300	7½	15	19½	22	30½	32½
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	4½	13	16	1	6½	10
(*114)	120	0	8½	11½	6½	12	15
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Gp	750	50½	71½	84	17½	32½	44½
(*763½)	800	24½	46	58½	42½	56½	70
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	15½	34	46½	0½	11½	21½
(*475)	500	0	14½	27	25	32½	42½
Scot Pwr	330	4	18½	29½	2½	19	24½
(*332)	360	0	7½	17½	28	36½	42½

December 19, 1994 Tot: 25638 Call: 16466 Put: 9172 FT-SE Call: 4635 Put: 1768
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 94 ...					
Previous open interest: 52089	Mar 95 ...	3048.0	3085.0	3048.0	3063.0	9932
FT-SE 250	Dec 94 ...					
Previous open interest: 3737	Mar 95 ...	3480.0	3480.0	3475.0	3475.0	42
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94 ...	93.58	93.60	93.58	93.58	8100
Previous open interest: 495871	Mar 95 ...	92.62	92.62	92.58	92.61	7068
	Jun 95 ...	91.96	91.97	91.92	91.94	2506
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94 ...	93.65	93.65	93.65	93.63	93
Previous open interest: 4661	Mar 95 ...				92.81	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94 ...	94.53	94.53	94.49	94.50	7119
Previous open interest: 797924	Mar 95 ...	94.42	94.44	94.34	94.36	36130
Long Gilt	Dec 94 ...	102-28	103-00	102-27	102-31	417
Previous open interest: 127948	Mar 95 ...	102-07	102-15	102-00	102-10	13093
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95 ...	108.25	108.30	108.24	108.30	1407
	Jun 95 ...				107.69	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95 ...	89.95	90.08	89.58	89.70	39938
Previous open interest: 175467	Jun 95 ...				89.10	0
Three month ECU	Dec 94 ...	93.66	93.67	93.63	93.63	7302
Previous open interest: 26256	Mar 95 ...	93.38	93.39	93.32	93.33	1521
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94 ...	95.70	95.73	95.70	95.73	3497
Previous open interest: 40496	Mar 95 ...	95.42	95.42	95.37	95.41	4578
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95 ...	99.12	99.19	98.75	99.00	13393
Previous open interest: 46414	Jun 95 ...				98.30	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 ; 3 mth 6⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅞ ; 3 mth: 6 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	6-5⅞	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¹³⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6¼-6⅛	7-6¾	7½-7¼
Interbank:	6-5¹³⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6¼-6⅛	7-6¾	7½-7¼

Overnight: open 5¾ , close 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¹³⁄₁₆	n/a	6¼	6¾	7¹¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6⅞-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7½-7¼
Dollar CDs:	6.02	n/a	6.27	6.78	7.50
Building Society CDs:	6-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¾	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1994 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1994 to Jan 24, 1994 Scheme III: 7.39 %. Reference rate Nov 1, 1994 to Nov 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.107 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-5⅞	6⅜-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¾	5¼-4¼
Deutschemark:	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5¼-4¾
French Franc:	5¾-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	5¼-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3½-3⅜	3½-3⅜	3⅝-3½	3⅞-3¾	4½-3½
Yen:	2⅛-2¼	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2½-2⅜	2⅛-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $378.80-379.20 Close: $379.30-379.80 High: $379.30-379.80 Low: $377.50-378.00 AM: $379.00 PM: $379.20

Krugerrand: $379.00-381.00 (£242.50-244.50)

Platinum: $413.40 (£265.15) **Silver:** $4.80 (£3.075) **Palladium:** $152.75 (£98.00)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7471-2.7531	2.7492-2.7526	¼pr-par	⅛-¼pr
Brussels	50.45-50.63	50.52-50.63	3pr-par	13-3pr
Copenhagen	9.6250-9.6550	9.6360-9.6510	¼pr-¼ds	¼-¼pr
Dublin	1.0145-1.0175	1.0147-1.0174	2pr-1ds	par-5ds
Frankfurt	2.4544-2.4599	2.4557-2.4590	¼pr-par	¼-¼pr
Lisbon	251.82-252.81	252.17-252.81	95-104ds	265-294ds
Madrid	206.26-207.00	206.70-207.00	35-43ds	98-111ds
Milan	2568.20-2576.10	2572.80-2576.10	5-7ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.1680-2.1762	2.1732-2.1762	0.02-0.05ds	0.06-0.19ds
New York	1.5584-1.5620	1.5610-1.5620	0.02-0.04ds	par-0.03ds
Oslo	10.7100-10.7350	10.7260-10.7310	¼-¼ds	1pr-1ds
Paris	8.4600-8.4820	8.4620-8.4760	¼pr-par	¼-¼pr
Stockholm	11.7670-11.8210	11.7890-11.8130	1¼-2¼ds	4¼-5¼ds
Tokyo	156.25-156.68	156.25-156.52	1¼-¾pr	1¼-1¼pr
Vienna	17.28-17.33	17.29-17.33	1¼-¾pr	5¼-3¼pr
Zurich	2.0776-2.0839	2.0776-2.0806	¼-¼pr	1¼-¾pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2861-1.2870
Austria	11.08-11.09
Belgium (Com)	32.36-32.39
Canada	1.3920-1.3925
Denmark	6.1765-6.1795
France	5.4288-5.4298
Germany	1.5745-1.5750
Hong Kong	7.7372-7.7382
Ireland	1.5344-1.5354
Italy	1646.25-1647.25
Japan	100.16-100.19
Malaysia	2.5658-2.5663
Netherlands	1.7624-1.7628
Norway	6.8710-6.8740
Portugal	161.61-161.71
Singapore	1.4663-1.4668
Spain	132.33-132.38
Sweden	7.5514-7.5614
Switzerland	1.3340-1.3350

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5568-1.5595
Australia dollar	2.0067-2.0089
Bahrain dinar	0.5815-0.5935
Brazil real*	1.3213-1.3253
Cyprus pound	0.7425-0.7525
Finland markka	7.5625-7.6785
Greece drachma	376.00-383.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.0700-12.0793
India rupee	48.48-49.44
Kuwait dinar KD	0.463-0.473
Malaysia ringgit	4.0026-4.0060
Mexico peso	5.33-5.43
New Zealand dollar	2.4379-2.4414
Pakistan rupee	47.40 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.785-5.911
Singapore dollar	2.2874-2.2897
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2345-6.2699
S Africa rand (com)	5.5441-5.5521
U A E dirham	5.665-5.789

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	421	Legal & Gn	475
ASDA Gp	9,900	Lloyds Bk	1,800
Abbey Natl	1,500	MEPC	1,700
Alld Dom	1,800	Marks Spr	7,400
Argyll Gp	3,900	NatWst Bk	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	1,800	Nat Power	1,700
AB Foods	660	Nth Wst W	402
BAA	2,000	P & O	1,000
BAT Inds	4,000	Pearson	1,200
BOC	472	PowerGen	4,300
BP	9,400	Prudential	1,700
BTR	4,100	RMC	586
BT	7,800	RTZ	3,100
Bk of Scot	1,600	Rank Org	1,000
Barclays	6,400	Reckitt Col	1,400
Bass	2,100	Redland	1,400
Blue Circle	2,600	Reed Intl	717
Boots	946	Rentokil	1,200
Bowater	741	Reuters	3,500
Brit Aero	1,100	Rolls Royce	1,000
Brit Airwys	2,200	Ryl Ins	1,500
Brit Gas	7,400	Ryl Bk Scot	496
Brit Steel	4,300	Sainsbury	1,100
Burmah Cast	220	Schroders	115
Cable Wire	6,300	Scot & New	1,700
Cadbury	1,700	Scot Power	1,800
Caradon	1,900	Sears	550
Carlton Cms	1,300	Svrn Trent	129
Cm Union	425	Shell Trans	3,200
Courtaulds	726	Siebe	1,700
De La Rue	358	SmKl Bch	6,100
Eastern Elec	1,700	Smith Nph	1,300
Enterpr Oil	243	Sthrn Elec	686
Forte	1,300	Std Chartd	1,700
GKN	848	Sun Allnce	2,200
GRE	1,500	TI Gp	1,100
GUS	465	TSB	1,900
Gen Acc	441	Tesco	1,800
Gen Elec	2,600	Thames W	1,500
Glaxo	5,800	Thrn EMI	619
Granada	2,300	Tomkins	465
Grand Met	2,900	Unilever	887
Guinness	2,700	Utd Bisc	832
HSBC	2,800	Vodafone	7,100
Hanson	5,200	Warburg	1,000
ICI	892	Wellcome	2,000
Inchcape	993	Whitbread	1,000
Kingfisher	3,100	Wllms Hld	439
Ladbroke	2,800	Wolseley	421
Land Secs	1,600	Zeneca	1,700

WALL STREET

	Dec 19 midday	Dec 16 close
AMP Inc	72	72¾
AMR Corp	50¾	50¾
AT & T	51¼	51½
Abbott Labs	32	32¼
Advanced Micro	22¾	23¼
Aetna Life	45¾	45¾
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16¾
Air Prod & Chem	45¾	46¼
Albertson's	29¾	29¾
Alcan Aluminum	25¼	25¾
Alco Standard	60¼	60¾
Allied Signal	33¼	33¾
Alum Co of Am	81¾	83¼
Amax Gold Inc	5¾	5¾
Amerada Hess	44¾	44¾
Amer Brands	35¼	35½
Amer El Power	32¾	33
Amer Express	29¾	29¾
Amer Genl Corp	28¾	28¾
Amer Home Pr	64¾	64
Amer Ind	97¾	97¾
Amer Stores	25¾	26
Ameritech	42	42¾
Amoco	62	62¾
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	50¾
Apple Computer	38¾	37¾
Archer Daniels	19¾	20
Armco	6¼	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	39¾	39¾
Asarco	27¾	28
Ashland Oil	33¾	33¾
Atl Richfield	103¾	104¾
Auto Data Pro	56¾	56¾
Avery Dennison	34¾	34¾
Avon Products	62¾	62¾
Baker Hughes	18¼	18¾
Baltim Gas & El	22¾	22¾
Banc One	26¾	27
BankAmerica	40¾	40¾
Bank of NY	29¾	28¾
Bankers Tr NY	56¾	56¾
Barnett Banks	40¾	40
Bausch & Lomb	32¾	32¾
Baxter Intl	27¾	27¾
Becton Dicknsn	49¾	49¾
Bell Atlantic	51¾	51¾
BellSouth	53¾	53¾
Black & Decker	24¾	23¾
Block (H&R)	37¾	37¾
Boeing	47¾	47¾
Boise Cascade	25¾	25¾
Borden Inc	12¾	12¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¾	58¾
Browning Ferris	27¾	27¾
Brunswick	17¾	17¾
Burlington Nthn	49¾	51¾
CBS	53¾	54
CNA Financial	66¾	66¾
CPC Intl	53¾	54¾
CSX	68¾	67¾
Campbell Soup	43¾	43¾
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpd Cities ABC	81¾	81¾
Carolina Pwr	27	27
Caterpillar	52¾	53¾
Central & SW	22¾	23¾
Champion Intl	37¾	37¾
Chase Manhat	34¾	34¾
Chemical Bk	37¾	37¾
Chevron Corp	44¾	44¾
Chrysler	45¾	46¾
Chubb Corp	75¾	76
Cigna Corp	66¾	66¾
Citicorp	43	42¾
Clorox	58¾	58¾
Coastal Corp	26	26¾
Coca Cola	51¾	51¾
Colgate-Palmolive	64¾	64¾
Columbia Gas	23¾	24
Compaq Comp	37¾	38¾
Comp Ass Intl	45¾	46¾
Conagra	31¾	32¾
Cons Edison	25¾	25¾
Cons Nat Gas	35¾	35¾
Cons Rail	50¾	50
Cooper Inds	33¾	33¾
Corning Inc	28¾	29¾
Crown Cork	38¾	38¾
Dana Corp	22¾	22¾
Dayton Hudson	78¾	79¾
Deere	64¾	64¾
Delta Air Lines	46¾	46¾
Deluxe Corp	26¾	27¾
Detroit Edison	26¾	26¾
Digital Equip	34¾	34¾
Dillard Dept St	27¾	28¾
Disney (Walt)	44¾	44¾
Dominion Res	36¾	36¾
Donelley (RR)	29¾	28¾
Dover Corp	52¾	52¾
Dow Chemical	68¾	68¾
Dow Jones	30¾	30¾
Dresser	19¾	19¾
Duke Power	39	38¾
Dun & Brdstreet	52¾	53
Du Pont	55¾	56
Eastman Kodak	45¾	46¾
Eaton Corp	48¾	47¾
Emerson Elec	61¾	61¾
Engelhard Corp	21¾	21¾

	Dec 19 midday	Dec 16 close
Enron Corp	29¾	29¾
Enserch	22¼	22½
Ethyl Corp	9¾	10
Exxon	61½	61¾
FMC Corp	58¾	58¾
FPL Group	34½	35
Federal Express	57¾	57¾
Fed Nat Mtge	72¾	72¾
First Chicago	47¾	47¾
First Interstate	69¾	70
First Union Rlty	6¾	6¾
Fleet Finl Grp	32¾	32¾
Fluor Corp	43¾	44
Ford Motor	26¾	26¾
GTE Corp	30¾	30¾
Gannett	52	50¾
Gap Inc Del	31½	31
Gen Dynamics	43¾	43¾
Gen Electric	50	50¾
Gen Mills	57¼	57
Gen Motors	37¾	38¾
Gen Reinsurance	123¾	123¾
Gen Signal	31½	31¾
Genuine Parts	35¾	35½
Georgia Pac	73¾	73¾
Gillette	74¾	74
Glaxo ADR	19¼	19¾
Goodrich (BF)	43¼	43¾
Goodyear Tire	33½	33¾
Grace (W&R)	37¾	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	18¾	18¾
Great Wstn Fin	17	17¾
Halliburton	34¼	34¾
Harcourt General	34¾	34¾
Heinz (HJ)	36¾	36¾
Hercules	112¾	113
Hershey Foods	47¾	48
Hewlett Packard	98¾	95¾
Hilton Hotels	67¾	69¾
Home Depot	46¾	46¾
Homestake Mng	17¾	16½
Honeywell	30¾	30¾
Household Intl	37¾	37¾
Houston Inds	35¾	35¾
Humana	22¾	22
ITT Corp	80¾	81½
Illinois Tool	41½	41¾
Illinova	21	21
INCO	28¾	28¾
Ingersoll Rand	30¾	30¾
Inland Steel	36¾	36¾
Intel Corp	57¾	59¾
IBM	70¾	70¾
Intl Flav & Fr	46¾	46¾
Intl Paper	75¾	75¾
James River Va	20¾	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54¾	55¾
Kellogg	59	59¾
Kerr-McGee	45¾	45¾
Kimberly-Clark	50	50¾
Kmart	14	14¾
Knight-Ridder	50¾	51
Lilly (Eli)	62¾	62¾
Limited Inc	19¾	19¾
LIN Brdcstng	143	142
Lincoln Nat	35¾	35¾
Litton	36¾	36¾
Liz Claiborne	20¾	21½
Lockheed	69	68¾
Louisiana Pac	27¾	28
MCI Comm	18¾	18¾
Marriott Int	27¾	28¾
Marsh & McLnn	77¾	77¾
Masco Corp	22¾	22¾
May Dept St	34¾	34¾
Maytag Corp	14¾	14¾
McDonalds	28¾	28¾
McDonnell D	141½	142
McGraw Hill	68¾	68¾
Mead Corp	48¾	49¾
Medtronic	54¾	53¾
Mellon Bk	32¾	32¾
Melville Corp	29¾	30
Merck Inc	37¾	38¾
Merrill Lynch	34¾	35
Minnesota Mine	51¾	51¾
Mobil Corp	84¾	84¾
Monsanto	72¾	73¾
Morgan (JP)	57¾	57¾
Motorola Inc	56¾	56¾
Natl Medical	13¾	13¾
Natl Semi	18¾	19¾
Natl Service Ind	25¾	25¾
Navistar Int	14¾	13¾
NBD Bancorp	28¾	28¾
NY Times A	22¾	22¾
Newmont Mng	35¾	34¾
Niag Mohawk	13¾	13¾
Nike B	66	66¾
NL Industries	11½	11½
Noram Energy	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	46¾	47
Norfolk Sthrn	60¾	61
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	23¾	23¾
Nynex Corp	37¾	38¾
Occidental Pet	19¾	19¾
Ohio Edison	18¾	19
Oracle Systems	38¾	38¾
Oryx Energy Co	11½	12

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Owens Corning	30	30¾
PNC Financial	22¾	22¾
PPG Industries	37¾	38¾
Paccar Inc	44¾	44¾
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	24¾	24¾
Pac Telesis	29¾	29¾
Pall Corp	18¾	19
Panhandle East	20¾	20¾
Parker Hannifin	45¾	45¾
Peco Energy	24¾	24¾
Penney (JC)	41½	41½
Pennzoil	45¾	45¾
Pepsico	38¾	36¾
Pfizer	76¾	76¾
Phelps Dodge	58¾	58¾
Philip Morris	58	58¾
Phillips Pet	34¾	34
Pitney Bowes	32	32¾
Polaroid	31½	31½
PriceCostco	13¾	13¾
Procter & Gmbl	61½	62¾
Providian	31¼	31½
Pub Serv E & G	26¾	27½
Quaker Oats	30¾	31
Ralston Purina	44¾	44¾
Raychem Corp	35¾	34¾
Raytheon	63¾	63¾
Reebok Intl	37¾	37¾
Reynolds Metals	48¾	49¾
Roadway Srvcs	53	53
Rockwell Intl	35¾	35¾
Rohm & Haas	58¾	59¾
Royal Dutch	108¾	107¾
Rubbermaid	28¾	28¾
Safeco Corp	51½	51½
St Paul's Cos	43¾	43¾
Salomon Inc	37¾	37¾
Santa Fe Pac	17¾	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	25¾	25¾
Scecorp	15	14¾
Schering Plough	73¾	73¾
Schlumberger	51½	51½
Scott Paper	68¾	68¾
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	45¾	45¾
Shell Trans	64¾	64¾
Sherwin Willms	31½	32¾
Skyline Corp	16¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	32	31½
Southern Co	20¾	20¾
Sthwestern Bell	41½	41¾
Sprint Corp	27¾	27¾
Stanley Works	36¾	36¾
Sun Company	27¾	27¾
Sun Microsys	33¾	34¾
Suntrust	49¾	50¾
Supervalu	24	23¾
Sysco Corp	27	27¾
TRW Inc	63	63¾
TCC Inds	2¾	2¾
Tandem Comp	16¾	16¾
Tandy Corp	47¾	46¾
Teledyne	17	17¾
Temple Inland	46¾	46¾
Tenneco	40¾	41½
Texaco	61½	61½
Texas Inst	73	72¾
Texas Utilities	32¾	32¾
Textron	49¾	49¾
Time Warner	33¾	33¾
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	34¾	34¾
Torchmark	35¾	35¾
Toys R Us	34¾	34¾
Transamerica	49¾	48¾
Travelers	32¾	31½
Tribune	53¾	53¾
Tyco Labs	46¾	49¾
UST Inc	27¾	27¾
UAL	87¾	87¾
USX Marathon	16¾	16¾
Unicom	24¾	24¾
Unilever NV	112¾	113¾
Union Camp	49¾	49¾
Union Carbide	30¾	30¾
Union Pacific	47¾	47¾
Unisys Corp	8¾	9
USAIR Group	4¾	4¾
USF&G Corp	13¾	13¾
US Life	34¾	34¾
US West	36¾	36¾
United Tech	61½	62¾
Unocal Corp	26¾	26¾
Upjohn	30¾	30¾
VF Corp	47¾	46¾
WMX Tech	26¾	26¾
Wal-Mart Stores	22¾	23
Warner-Lambert	77¾	78¾
Wells Fargo	147	145¾
Westinghouse El	12¾	12¾
Weyerhaeuser	38¾	39
Whirlpool	48¾	48¾
Whitman	16¾	16¾
Winn Dixie	53¾	52¾
Woolworth	14¾	14¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47¾	48¾
Xerox	97¾	97¾
Yellow Corp	22¾	22¾

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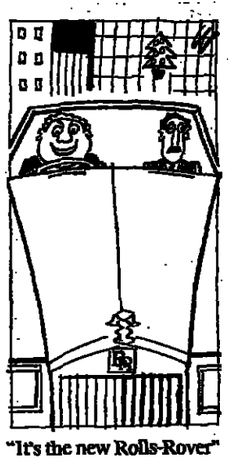
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High-rollers head for Asil's

ASIL NADIR, fugitive former head of Polly Peck International, now set for a long stay in northern Cyprus, will doubtless draw some comfort from the news that 42 Berkeley Square, his former London HQ, has been let to a most novel company, Pasley-Tyler & Co, brainchild of Robert Pasley-Tyler, ex-troubleshooter at Kleinwort Benson. Pasley-Tyler says the venture will use the 8,000 sq ft premises as a place where high-worth inward US investors can work and relax. Upstairs is a corporate advisory and private placement service, downstairs the club. He says his multi-purpose operation is difficult to describe in City terms and says his preferred nomer is a "20th century coffee house". It has a bar too.

Plastic ice

DE BEERS' Central Selling Organisation was unavailable for comment yesterday on the latest development in diamonds. As though its troubles in persuading the Russians to stick to their marketing deal were not enough of a headache, it now appears Professor Hiroyuki Hiraoka of Hong Kong University is transforming plastic waste into diamonds. Nobody is claiming he has produced high-quality stones, but the boffin is keen to use his miniature stones as a coating for everything from costume jewellery to cutting tools. One use the professor has not suggested is the conversion of the crown colony's rubbish mountain into enough diamonds to bribe Peking to make the end of British rule in 1997 as pleasant as possible.



"It's the new Rolls-Royce"

Derivatives man

JAPAN'S bad debt problems from the "bubble economy" of the 1980s, still need attention. Yasuo Matsushita, Governor of the Bank of Japan, said on his first day in office yesterday. Though no longer a young man at 68, he has had a reputation as a whiz-kid in both private and public sector careers. A former chairman of Sakura Bank, with 34 years in the finance ministry before that, Matsushita's appointment as head of the central bank maintains the tradition of recruiting governors from the elite of the monetary institutions. A story doing the rounds is that Matsushita was asked by Noboru Takeshita, the former Prime Minister, to explain derivatives in three minutes. Matsushita took five, but won Takeshita's praise for the clearest exposition he had had on the subject.

ODD, that during last week's furore over cutting pay for British Gas's retail staff, constant comparison was made with Dixons, the high street electrical chain. The point was repeatedly made that gas showroom workers' average basic pay of £13,000 a year was well out of line with the £8,000 Dixons pays retail staff. Might the explanation be that Stanley Kalms, Dixons' chairman, is a non-executive director of British Gas?

COLIN NARBROUGH



Devastation around the Imperial Palace in Tokyo after the 1923 earthquake and fires which wrecked two thirds of the houses in the capital

After-shocks from Tokyo's Big One would hit London

Japanese earthquake insurance premiums are rising fast, **Joanna Pitman** reports

Regular visitors to Japan will be accustomed to the minor earth tremors that strike somewhere in the country almost every day. They are particularly common in the Tokyo region and, after only a few days in the city, the sudden onset of creaking walls and window frames and a slight swaying sensation if you are sitting in a high-rise building is no longer unnerving and soon becomes as unremarkable as a high wind or a heavy thunderstorm anywhere else.

But when the more powerful shudders begin, strong enough to slop drinks, dislodge pictures and knock ornaments off shelves, visitors and the Japanese themselves find that their nerves take a severe testing. These heavy tremors, which generally strike about once or twice a year and seldom pass without at least one or two fatalities, provoke the unspoken fear — could this be The Big One?

The after-shocks of such incidents have been known to reach as far as London, where they will usually trigger at least a sharp intake of breath in the offices of Lloyd's of London and other companies in the reinsurance industry where portfolios are exposed to Japanese earthquake risk.

The Big One, according to the most widely accepted Kawasumi theory, recurs on average every 69 years. Its last visit in 1923 caused 100,000 deaths, destroyed two thirds of all homes in Tokyo and led to a panic massacre of Korean immigrants. Most of the damage to property was done by fires that raged out of control for several days, but today the city assumes that newly developed fire and earthquake systems and technologies will prevent a similar disaster.

In the circumstances, this is the only assumption possible. All the newest and shiniest technology in the world cannot drive away the atavistic dread of catastrophe and large numbers of Japanese people privately still give some credibility to the legend that the entire country rests on a giant catfish whose periodic twitchings bring chaos and destruction to her unlucky inhabitants. Given that their futures rest in the hands of fate and the catfish, they say, no amount of insurance will help.

For the insurance industry, the catfish theory is not exactly helpful, but it is the Japanese Government that most firmly controls the extent of earthquake-related insurance liabilities to which the insurance industry around the world can be exposed.

"Japanese insurance companies do not accept the whole earthquake risk so a large proportion is farmed out to foreign reinsurers, of which the London market takes most. Much of the risk is reinsured through Lloyd's although the German and the Swiss reinsurance companies pick up a part," said the chief representative in London of one of Japan's leading insurance companies.

With the Kawasumi theory supported by dozens of Japanese seismologists as the most credible, although alarming, forecast, the likelihood of a Big One hitting soon is rising daily. Insurance premiums are rising in tandem.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government estimates that property damage in the event of a Big One hitting in zone five (the area that includes Tokyo and extends south-west through Shizuoka Prefecture as far as Nagoya), would run to Y30 trillion (some £20 billion) in central Tokyo alone. Household risk is covered entirely by the Japanese Government, but risk to commercial property is open to the private sector.

According to Peter Hadfield, a geologist living in Tokyo who has written a study of the international ramifications of a major Japanese earthquake, the total payable liability for the Tokyo area is capped at Y1.5 trillion. "Eighty-five per cent of this is held by the Government so insurers are liable to a payout of only 15 per cent or roughly Y280 billion," he said.

The exposure of foreign insurance companies to Japanese earthquake risk is limited because of the Japanese Ministry of Finance restrictions, but Mr Hadfield says roughly half of the disaster risk is placed overseas and foreign companies have a liability of roughly Y6 trillion (some £40 billion).

> Foreign firms cover half the disaster risk and are liable for about £40bn

Foreign insurers insist that a major earthquake in Japan would not have a disastrous impact on the London insurance business. "You cannot buy very much coverage for earthquakes because of government restrictions, so in fact the impact on the insurance industry of a severe cyclone would be far worse than the impact of a substantial earthquake," said Hady Wakefield, president of Guy Carpenter & Company, a part of the Bowring Financial Services group.

The big cyclone that hit the south-eastern edge of Japan in September 1991 cost about Y600 billion (some £4 billion). "Roughly half of that would have been recovered from the London market. Lloyd's would have suffered significantly from that one," said the Japanese insurance representative in London. Mr Wakefield makes the point that the portion of risk reinsured in the London market and the payout rates are realistic. "We have a pretty good idea of the worst that could happen in Tokyo. Our coverage is constantly being assessed in the light of what our catastrophe assessment company predicts in its measurement of the impact of an earthquake on our portfolio."

A representative from Yasuda Fire & Marine said: "Earthquake reinsurance premiums are increasing drastically all the time because of the growing likelihood of a large and imminent disaster like the 1923 earthquake."

Meanwhile, in accordance with the mood of financial deregulation sweeping through the grey linoleum covered corridors of the Ministry of Finance, the Japanese domestic insurance market is heading for a major liberalisation in 1996 which will involve the lifting of some restrictions on non-Japanese firms wishing to do business in Japan.

However, the subsequent increased competition will not have much effect on reducing earthquake and other disaster coverage. "Lloyd's and other brokers may move into the Japanese market after 1996, but earthquake and other disaster risk is already farmed out worldwide," said the Yasuda Fire & Marine representative.

Nonetheless, the impact of a severe Japanese earthquake on international financial markets is likely to be enormous, initially hitting the currency markets and triggering huge currency fluctuations. Mr Wakefield forecasts that, surprisingly, a big disaster like an earthquake would bolster the yen.

"My theory is that on the news of an earthquake, the yen would drop sharply, there would be major drama on the US bond markets, a sudden repatriation of Japanese held bonds back into yen and the result of this wholesale buying of the yen would mean that we would actually end up with a very strong yen."

A marriage made in Munich

Rolls-Royce has never been shy of foreign suitors, says **Kevin Eason**

The news was enough to set the ice rattling in pink gins in drawing rooms the world over. Rolls-Royce, the last bastion of the British motor industry, needs German help to make a new generation of cars.

Yesterday's announcement from Vickers, owner of Rolls-Royce, will engender the sort of dismay that greets the news that your auntie has fallen on hard times and is taking in lodgers. The implication was that Rolls-Royce, in its 90th year in business, had, like the Empire, crumbled.

The company, with a reputation for making the finest cars in the world and a name as recognisable as Coca-Cola and McDonald's, was having to ask its biggest competitors for help.

With the Americans owning Vauxhall, Ford, Jaguar and Aston Martin and the French running a Peugeot plant in Coventry, Rolls-Royce was the small but perfectly formed rump of what was once a UK car industry, British from its leather hide interiors to its regal radiators. Until now.

Nearly 400 workers who machine and build the famed 6.7-litre V8 engines will be retrained for when engines made in Munich arrive at the factory in Crewe, Cheshire.

Critics will say Rolls-Royce has had to wave the white flag to remain alive in the war for sales. To adapt a seasonal quote: "Humbug". There is nothing new in Rolls-Royce begging, buying and borrowing everything from technology to whole components for its cars — going right back to the company's founders.

Charles Rolls started in the car business selling Panhard models from France. Henry Royce's first attempt at breaking into the motor industry was to adapt the Decauville he owned. Rolls-Royces have been manufactured in the United States and those gorgeous stately bodies have been made by coachbuilders all over the world.

The current saloons, costing up to £220,000, are a patchwork of bought-in bits and adapted components. The 28-year-old engines are derivatives of an old design from Buick of America, the automatic transmissions come from General Motors, the airbags from BMW.

Even the sumptuous hides that cushion the bottoms of the world's most prosperous drivers come from Scandinavia, where farmers do not keep their cows behind barbed wire fences that would tear the leather.

Rolls-Royce is simply adapting to a future in which not even the biggest carmakers will survive alone. What chance is there for it on its own if Volkswagen, Europe's biggest motor manufacturer, has had to join Ford, the world's second largest, to develop a new vehicle?

Ever-tighter world regulations on exhaust emissions make engine development one of the most costly parts of any car and force a pace that a company the size of Rolls-Royce could not sustain. The solution was to buy engines off the shelf from a manufacturer able to shoulder development costs running into hundreds of millions of pounds.

BMW was an obvious choice, having already collaborated with Rolls-Royce. It provided technical help while Rolls advised BMW on refining and developing car interiors. BMW has a much-applauded range of V8 and V12 engines that fit Rolls-Royce's demands for size, power and quality.

Handing over such a chunk of development may seem to negate the value of a Rolls-Royce or Bentley, but that was never raised when the company took its gearboxes from GM. Rolls-Royce will adapt every engine and transmission to give them unique characteristics and Crewe will retain all its facilities for body design, interiors and engineering that distinguish its cars.

Sir Colin Chandler, Vickers' chief executive, pointed out yesterday: "Henry Royce said that if something has already been designed and it is good, then take it and put it to good use. That is what we are doing with BMW. People who buy Rolls-Royce cars will still get the style, quality, luxury and systems engineering which makes the cars unique. That does not change."



Cherished registration for a Rolls-Royce

BUSINESS LETTERS

Employers' side not economising with the truth on final salary schemes

From the Chairman, CBI Pensions Panel

Sir, Alan Smallbone (Business Letters, November 30) accuses those representing employers' interests of being economical with the truth about final salary based occupational pension schemes.

If anything, the opposite is the case. Existing disclosure requirements already demand the provision to members of a great deal of information about their company scheme, and the recommendations of the Goode Committee propose taking those further. Indeed, had the same openness been a requirement for personal pensions salesmen, perhaps some of the problems in that area might have been avoided.

Mr Smallbone outlines a number of reasons why he believes "employers are devoted to schemes of this type". None fit with our experience. A recent CBI/Mercer survey of the views of over 500 chief executives shows that, first and foremost, the requirements of the labour market determine company pensions policy. Surprisingly, maybe, paternalism and being a good employer was the second most cited reason for providing a scheme. Facilitating the early retirement of older employees came last of all, mentioned by fewer than 10 per cent of the sample.

The suggestion that pensions schemes tie in long-serving and presumably older employees, thus enabling employers to reduce their pay, has many flaws. The implication that two employees, the same in all other respects except their length of membership of the pension scheme, would receive different rates of pay is not supported by any evidence.

Finally, I wonder whether employers really are "devoted" to final salary schemes? It is true that the majority of occupational schemes now are final salary type, but few new schemes introduced since the mid-1980s adopt that basis. Company pension strategies in future are, according to our survey, likely to see a move away from pure final salary schemes to hybrid type arrangements which offer employees a choice of money purchase or final salary. This reflects the way the labour market is changing. The arrangements offer the best of both worlds to employees, but they are expensive to provide.

A large number of companies are at least thinking of moving in this direction and this suggests a far less short-sighted attitude on the part of employers than Mr Smallbone would have us believe.

Yours faithfully,
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Getting the measure of work

From the Parliamentary Under Secretary, Department of Employment

Sir, Contrary to claims made by Philip Bassett (December 13) and Anthony Harris (December 14), we are not seeking a new statistical measure of employment to reconcile differences in the two existing measures — the Workforce in Employment (employers' survey) and the internationally standard Labour Force Survey, which is a survey of households.

It looks as if the differences can largely be explained by the fact that the employers' survey is significantly based on a list of firms which can be more than six months old and hence lags the household survey, which is more up to date and shows much stronger employment growth.

The latest employer-based survey shows a three-monthly increase in employment of 146,000, which brings the two measures closer together.

Mr Bassett is also incorrect in stating that the employers' survey is the "main official employment figure". The Labour Force Survey is at least as important.

I should add that both sets of figures are produced by members of the independent Government Statistical Service working in my department, and are free from interference from politicians.

Yours sincerely,
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Ockham's unkind cut

From Mr Anthony Holland

Sir, Your correspondent reports (December 7) that Sturge Holdings, the quoted insurance group, is setting up a new holding company to stop litigants accessing any assets acquired in the future. I find this strange.

As one of its savagely hit names, in the unlikely event of my acquiring new assets, these would immediately be claimed by Lloyd's towards settling my debts. Once again, there seem to be different rules for the inside track.

Sturge also plans to change its name to Ockham. This is interesting. The shorter Oxford English Dictionary gives this name as another spelling of Occam, the 14th century philosopher, responsible for Occam's Razor, the principle that in explaining a thing no more assumptions should be made than are necessary.

Yours faithfully,
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Northern Cyprus, Nadir and the law

From Mr C. J. Barlow

Sir, Your correspondent Colin Narbrough has written two articles in recent days on Asil Nadir and Polly Peck companies in northern Cyprus which give the unfortunate impression that Mr Nadir has entered into a binding arrangement with the authorities in northern Cyprus to settle outstanding tax and other liabilities using assets purported to belong to him.

The facts are that Unipac, Sunzest Trading, and Voyager Kibris are subsidiaries of the Polly Peck group and are not owned by Mr Nadir. It follows therefore that Nadir has no right whatsoever to pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of assets in northern Cyprus which simply do not belong to him. As at December 12, despite a reported announcement by Mr Denktash to the contrary, the authorities in northern Cyprus have not ratified any deal with Mr Nadir precisely because of its illegality outlined above.

The simple issue with regard to Polly Peck subsidiaries in northern Cyprus is whether the authorities are going to recognise and honour the rights of *legal* foreign domiciled shareholders in respect of subsidiaries located in northern Cyprus or whether they are going to permit Mr Nadir, or any other local, to simply annex foreign-owned assets without compensation to the rightful owners. This is not a matter solely associated with administration of Polly Peck as such, but has much wider implications for any foreign organisation investing in northern Cyprus.

The profile article (December 10) glamorises Mr Nadir, a fugitive from British justice who jumped bail to avoid charges of theft and fraud resulting from the £1.3 billion collapse of his empire. It is hard to see what Mr Nadir has done to merit the space normally reserved for features on respected, credible captains of industry. I would imagine that Polly Peck shareholders and creditors reading the article would feel distinctly aggrieved.

The smooth running of the administration has been consistently impeded by Mr Nadir who has bought well over 30 legal actions in various jurisdictions to hinder the administrators and directors of Polly Peck subsidiaries in carrying out their legal duties. In addition, Coopers & Lybrand staff have suffered physical attacks, as have our legal advisers in northern Cyprus.

Finally, I confirm that we remain in negotiations with the authorities in northern Cyprus to come to an acceptable compromise in relation to the issues there, such as to give possession and control to Polly Peck group companies in respect of Polly Peck assets located in that jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,
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314	233	Allied Irish	255	+3	4.9	9.8
278½	171	Aus New Z	203	+1	6.1	*
3300	2462½	Bca America	2625			
247	172½	Bank Scotland	209½	+2½	3.2	11.8
640	497	Barclays	609	+4½	3.4	18.8
319	245	Bk of Ireland	288	+1	5.0	8.3
2912½	2362½	Citicorp	2737½	+43½		
285½	203	Close Bros	229	..	4.1	*
£150¼	£121½	Commerzbk	£133¾	+340¾	6.1	...
1296½	1056¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1184¾	+12½	0.5	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£293	+90¾	2.3	
1315¾	787½	Espirito Santo	815¾	..	4.7	4.1
90	59	First Nat Fin	59	..	3.2	..
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1368¾	+1½	0.4	*
473	209	Hambros	230	-3	8.2	14.1
1113	660	HSBC	698	-1½	4.4	10.1
1135	664	HSBC HK	687	-3	4.5	9.9
443	400	Joseph (L)	410		5.4	11.9
693	432	Kleinwort Ben	535	+12	4.5	9.4
660	519	Lloyds	568	+3	5.2	11.0
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	548		6.7	*
622	421	Nat West	510	+6	4.8	9.5
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150		6.8	..
79	53	Rea Bros	61		1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scotl	409	+6	4.2	9.9
1574	1050	Schroders	1440	+22	1.6	13.2
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1310	+17	1.8	12.0
114	75	Singer & Fried	86	+½	2.6	11.1
399½	223	Stand Chart	278	-4	2.9	9.5
291	197	TSB	238	+1½	4.2	12.0
1012	589	Warburg SG	695	-25	4.0	12.5
£105	8612¼	Wells Fargo	9362½		2.9	..
260	194	Westpac	213½	-7½	2.6	*
390	201	Wintrust	213		6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10¼	1½	Ascot Hldgs	1½	..		
513	485	Bass	516	+3½	5.1	13.0
259	248	Boddington	256	+2	4.1	13.8
196	168	Burtonwd Brwt	177		3.6	14.8
181	142	Devenish P 'A'	159	-1	3.3	*
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	57	+1	5.2	..
493	342	Fuller Sm 'A'	344	+1½	2.9	14.2
511	399	Greenalls Gp	445	+1	3.7	21.7
584	452	Greene King	515	..	3.2	14.2
265	239	Hardy Hansn	241	..	5.0	..
170	135	Hardys	150		3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3388	-25	1.8	18.6
246	195	Mansfield	235	-½	2.5	14.4
314	256	Merson Thmpt	298		3.5	14.5
545	455	Morland	465	-3	2.9	*
10¼	6½	Paramount	7		3.6	..
303	209	Regent Inns	296		2.3	22.9
1665¾	1000	SA Breweries	1456¼		2.0	22.5
591	477	Scot & New	506	+3½	4.4	14.3
306	240	Vaux Group	220	+½	5.6	14.0
439	324½	Wetherspoon JD	434		1.9	23.9
617	494	Whitbread	553	+6	4.3	15.1
589	493	Wolvrhmptn Dt	516	+1	3.4	13.6
194	148	Yates Bros	188		2.5	14.8
535	465	Young A	465	..	4.0	19.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	130		5.0	9.5
203	140	Alfrem	161		4.3	19.1
164	64½	Amec	89	+3½	5.4	39.6
[illegible]	47	Andrews Sykes	137	+5		
362	335	Ashtead	413	+3	1.7	26.1
191	191	Avonside	104		5.3	12.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34		2.6	20.8
86	19	Barcam	41	+3		
295	139	Barratt Devs	159	+3	4.7	12.3
153	122½	Beazer Homes	122	+1	5.1	10.4
304	179	Bellway	183	+1	4.8	..
39	31	Belhaven	32			23.1
573	326	Berkeley Gp	342	-16	2.6	14.2
215	112	Bett Bros	179		3.1	5.5
355	210	Boot (Henry)	218		3.8	10.7
65	35	Braxton Hire	36	+3	2.2	
235	150	Br Dredg & Engr	160		6.2	10.0
157½	118	Bryant	126	+3	5.0	14.2
145½	106	CALA	106		3.3	14.6
54	31	Camas & Am	35			
60	44	Carv	49		3.2	41.6
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BUILDING MATERIALS

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DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	105	ABI Leisr	105	+½	4.8	*
300	248	Acatt	208		2.9	18.1
586	253	Adams & Harvey	585	+5	3.3	7.3
31	21	Alexanders	21		3.0	19.5
175	113	Appleyard	114	...	6.4	20.1
8	3½	Arc & Eng	4½		7.4	58.8
578	495	BSS Group	514	+½	4.4	18.1
25½	17	Beaumg Powerl	21	...	6.0	*
405	249	Bletchley Mtr	280	-5	5.0	10.7
40	28	Bogod A	28	+½	3.1	9.6
370	288	Bramner	345	...	4.7	19.2
31	15½	Bridgend Gpt	16	...	1.6	..
99	78	Brit Fittings	82	...	3.4	..
71	47	Brown & Tawse	41			
57	35	Bunzdrua	37½	-2½	6.6	..
465	245	Caffyns	268		5.4	18.1
59	24½	Casket Plc	26½	...	5.2	14.7
130	84	Central Mtr	88		5.0	21.8
51	32½	Cook (DC)	39	+½	3.7	12.0
342½	197½	Cowie	217	+8	5.3	10.8
192¼	127	Dag Motors	138		5.9	15.9
663	446	Delmans El	593		1.4	16.6
628	414½	Diplomat	419	+4½	4.0	*
589	443	Electrocomponent	474	+8	2.7	19.4
176	133	Electron House	151		2.6	15.6
283	225	Ellis & Everard	263		3.6	19.4
234	201	Eurodollar	205	+1	5.2	18.0
173	106	European Mtr	110		5.1	12.0
539¼	395	Evans Halshaw	400		4.4	12.6
656	490½	Farnell Elect	524	+8	1.9	21.5
78	50	File Indmar	61	+1	5.6	9.0
34	16	Gardner	16		5.9	7.6
46	19	Glencheviton	19½	...		21.5
90	60	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
76	59	Hallin Hldgs	73	+1		57.0
161	122	Harris (Philip)	145	+4	5.9	12.7
342¼	266½	Heatys	272½		3.4	14.6
191	88	Holdex Tech	92		8.2	10.0
138	110	ISA Intl	110		1.9	13.7
609	395	Inchcape	440	+6	4.3	24.6
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	158	+1	3.2	18.1
573	291	Lex Service	294	+2	5.7	11.3
282	162	Lookers	194		4.4	12.1
20	14	Malaya Grp	14½		2.2	..
9	3½	Middlesex	8			
440	279	Normein	420	-3	0.7	20.1
100	47	Northamber	91	+½	1.8	38.6
175	152	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	256		3.7	16.8
238	161	Perry Gp	161		5.4	8.8
218	131	Quick Group	132	-1	5.0	13.9
163	97	REA	158		4.7	32.7
5½	2½	Reece	2½			
24	4	Ross Gp	5	+½	5.0	
42	32½	SEP Indt	34	+½	3.9	*
54	31	TLS Range	38	+1	3.3	15.3
265	215	Time Products	335		4.7	15.8
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	151		3.8	14.3
335	245	Wholesale Ftgs	345		6.0	..
30½	13½	Wills Gp	17½	+2½	3.5	10.0
71	39½	Wichurst	70½	-½	1.2	23.8
69	40	Wyko	58		1.1	..
96	61	Young (H)	69	+1	6.5	*

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	157	+1	6.0	16.0
380	199½	Antofagasta	340	-3	1.3	27.5
62	49	Aropour	48½		4.6	10.1
968	773½	Broken Hill	951	+6	2.3	36.6
401	273	BTR	283½	+3	5.5	15.0
570	372	BAT	438	+6	5.9	11.5
91	49	Baby Ltd	65		5.8	..
57½	44	Bearley Inv	46½		9.6	*
836	626½	Charter	801	-2	3.6	22.8
285	276½	Cookson	237	-2	3.4	21.4
302	217½	Hanson	233½	+3½	6.3	18.0
220	142	Harris Crsfld	144		7.8	16.4
365½	339½	Hutch Whamp	356¼	-1½	2.2	18.2
710	409½	Jardine Math	471	+5½	3.1	10.7
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	29		4.3	28.8
175½	134½	Lonrho	150	+1½	3.3	41.2
44	16	Porter Chadbn	41	+1		
765	515	Powell Duffryn	521	-2	6.2	14.8
164	118½	Rowan	128		7.3	14.5
493	337	Rothmans	457½	-13	5.2	22.2
34½	9½	Satrire	12			4.6
162½	105	Sime Darby	135		3.2	17.2
297	174	Sutcliffe	174	-2	6.1	50.9
220	156	Suter	156	+1	7.5	15.0
303	220	TI Group	233	+2	2.3	..
263	202	Tomkins	214		4.3	13.7
124	69	Trafalgar H	73	-1	1.7	..
440	245	Unitech	295		3.6	15.2
324	246½	Wassall	277	+1½	1.6	23.8
13½	9½	Wickey	10		2.6	..
412¼	339	Williams Hldg	317	+3	5.2	19.6

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894½	610½	East Midlands	851	+41	4.1	35.4
866	565	Eastern Grp	784	+17	4.0	17.0
776	534	London Elec	774	+31	4.0	11.7
882	635	Manweb	868	+9	4.0	10.3
845½	547	Midlands Elec	825	-3	3.8	12.5
550	404½	National Power	475	+4	3.4	13.0
1065	565	Northern Elec	1016	-33	3.4	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nthn Ireland	363	-5	4.1	9.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Norweb	827	-28½	3.7	10.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	PowerGen	514	-11	3.3	11.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hydro-Elec	319	-9	5.2	9.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scottish Power	332	-5	4.9	10.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Seeboard	417	+5	3.3	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sth Wales	679	+28	4.2	11.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sth Western	675	+20	3.6	11.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Southern Elec	789	-8	5.9	11.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Yorkshire Elec	697	+10	4.4	13.4

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
100	62	Acorn Comp	98			
650	475	Admiral	635		1.3	19.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Alba	198	+2	3.2	15.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Amstrad	135	+1	3.3	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aren	35	+2		
[illegible]	[illegible]	Astec	84	+¼	1.3	17.2
251	115	Avesco	135	-1	2.8	10.9
413	285	BICC	325	-1	7.1	21.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Barco	244		5.0	
16	7	Bulmer Bus	8	-½		
535	402	Black	423		3.5	
360	280	Bowthorpe	289	+1	3.0	16.6
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF)	17	+¼	1.8	9.9
[illegible]	207	CML Micro	305	-5	3.7	13.0
[illegible]	20½	Chloride	20½		0.6	56.7
180	81	Cosymoore	180		3.0	
[illegible]	142½	Cray Elect	161	+4	1.7	18.8
467	412	Critchley	462	+2	2.3	19.5
383	269	Danka Bus Syst	327	+3	0.6	24.0
586	350	Delta	454		4.0	19.4
560	400	Domino	555		1.9	23.9
73	63	Dowding Mills	69		4.6	25.2
1635	1229	Druck	1465		0.9	27.3
3756½	2500	Electrolux 'B'	3162½	-37½	1.7	54.3
39½	21	Emess	29½		0.4	..
4040¼	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3528½	+84½	1.1	30.8
66	56	Eurocopy	70	+1	3.6	..
451	343	Eurotherm	400	+7	1.6	23.7
405	334½	Fairey Group	395	+1	2.0	20.9
282	180	Forward Grp	180		3.8	11.3
98	14½	Forward Tech	38	-1	2.5	7.9
353½	259	GEC	273½	+4½	5.0	13.7
191	102	Gestetner	108	+3	2.8	
191	119	Graseby	141		5.3	13.2
195	121	Ind Control	138		4.5	11.6
385	255	Kenwood App	323		3.5	15.8
890	730	Kestrel (A)	885	-5	3.9	40.7
165	38	Kode	58		8.6	
55	44	LPA Ind	44		4.5	
320	250	MTL Inst	298		1.8	18.0
281	210	Memer-Sw	250		2.1	19.5
45	31	Microvitec	35½			17.8
494	185	Misel	216			
148	109	Murray Ent	116	+1	2.3	
31	19	Orbit	21	+½	3.7	..
91	60	Pace Systems	60		7.4	21.7
98	74½	Peek	83		5.1	30.9
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1884¾	+31½	1.0	8.6
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£110		5.2	..
359	293	Pifco	353		1.6	24.3
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	331		1.7	22.7
140	70	Plasmec	120		3.9	..
129	90	Prestac	95		3.7	18.3
43½	17½	Prestwick	24			
303	181	Psion	250		1.5	17.5
261	187	Racal Elect	212	+1½	2.7	17.4
53	33	Radamec	45		5.3	12.3
311	226	Rocburo	238	-1	2.4	17.4
89	15	Scantronic	30	-½	5.3	..
49	34	Silverminie	39		2.6	23.2
94	61	Soundtracks	62	+1	4.8	14.1
104	38	Stin Bus	38		12.2	5.9
19	9	TDS Circuits	9	-½		
3225	2265½	TDK	2968½	+9½	1.1	*
447	264	Tadpole Tech	371	-5		
170	77	Telemetrix	77		1.6	9.8
101	51	TGI	90	-½	3.1	16.8
351	191	Telspec	351	+7	0.9	42.4
246	133	Thorpe FW	230		1.7	16.8
43	22	Total Systems	36			37.4
303	215	Tunstall	253	-½	1.9	..
364	256	Unitech	351		2.3	27.4
16	8½	Verity	9			24.2
483	382	Volex	382	-½	6.0	16.0
300	60	Wakebourne	80	+2		
162	93	Whitecroft	161	...	2.7	17.7

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	119	AIM	168	+2	3.3	44.8
138	58	APV	58		8.5	
220	157	ASW	215		3.7	
126	30½	Aero Hamble	31	...	15.1	3.1
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	16	...	5.9	45.4
73	27½	Alvis	41	+1	3.1	..
175	143	Ash & Lacy	143		5.6	14.8
553	490	Atlas Equip	553	+5	5.0	18.4
125	86	Ayrshire Metal	121		1.5	14.8
51	24½	BM Gp	44½	+½		
40½	26	Babcock	28			
176	132	BWI	135	+1	6.2	20.7
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	84		2.6	21.5
95	23	Beaufort	36	+1		
226	110	Billam (J)	111		6.0	6.9
329	262	Bodycote	311		2.2	21.2
75	43	Booth Inds	70			
30	15	Brasway	15½	-½	4.3	15.5
171	120	Bridport	157		3.2	
578½	386½	Br Aerospace	430	+1½	2.6	37.9
172½	121½	Br Steel	157	+½	2.8	19.0
125	86½	Bromsgrove Ind	92		6.1	11.7
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½			
186	135	Bullough	158		4.8	26.0
79	55	Bumfield	72	-1	3.2	30.9
32	14	CI Group	14		2.7	
293	247	Carclo Eng	260	+1	4.4	17.0
155	110	Castings	144		2.5	17.7
230	150	Chamberlin Hill	190		6.6	9.5
360	272	Chemring	298		4.2	
296½	180	Clyde Blowers	181		3.1	*
334	236	Cobham	326	+2	3.0	16.3
688	403	Cohen (A)	535		0.8	
263	178	Concentric	185	+2	4.2	
310	233	Cook (Wm)	243		3.9	11.4
296	198	David Brown	219		3.7	15.4
97	70	Dobson Park	73		6.7	
442	364	EIS	380		4.1	15.3
101	69	Elliott (B)	100	-1	2.5	15.0
118	60	Expamet	89		3.7	63.1
212	149	FKI	151		3.5	17.5
148	109	Fenner	137		1.4	*
45	26	Ferrum	36			
88	73	GEI Intl	74		4.2	13.5
134	91	Garton Eng	121	-1	4.8	
404	321	Glynwed	336		4.3	19.7
14½	10	Graystone	12½		2.4	10.6
85	61	Hadan Macln	76	-4	3.3	19.6
131	90	Hadleigh	129		2.4	14.6
320	143	Hall Eng	163	-2	6.2	12.8
256	204	Halma	215		1.5	25.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	56		4.6	10.4
48	26	Hay (Norman)	26			
184½	132	Hill & Smith	134		5.4	14.5
63	39	Hopkinsons	52		2.1	
41	27	How Gp	31	-3	3.0	...
105	78	Howden	86		3.5	14.1
265	157	Hunting	165½		7.6	22.6
513	402	Hunting Tec	423		1.5	20.0
279	206	IMI	319	+1	4.0	27.1
51	33½	Johnson & FB	41	+½		
638	488	Johnson Matthey	547		2.6	20.4
32	25	Jones Shipman	30			
330	230	Kelsey Ind	292		3.4	
265	205	Lincat	264		3.3	16.5
20½	11	Locker (T) A	11	..	4.5	..
49	35	ML Hldgs	35	..	4.1	12.2
87	26	MS Intl	28	...	7.2	15.7
179	129	Marling Bros	137	..	3.6	10.7
539	381½	Michelin	368	+4	4.6	22.8
120	71½	Meggitt	76½	..	6.4	12.3
120	101	Melor	104	..	4.5	17.3
133	99	Metsec	131	..	2.9	18.2
589	500	Molins	500	-2	4.0	10.1
408	310	Morgan Cruc	317	+2	5.0	15.4
217	178	Morris Ashby	205	...	3.8	14.6
51	34	Neepsend	35	..	4.5	17.6
126	51	Nedronics	51	..	6.4	11.0
60	45	Newmark (L)	45	..		..
59½	39	Ofl Intl	39½	..	5.5	
358	277	Oxford Inst	338	..	1.9	19.8
341	218	Powerscreen	249	+2	3.8	10.5
23½	13½	Prospect Indst	13½	..	7.7	7.0
108	60	Radiant Metal	73	..		*
71	13	Ransomes	59			
95	70	Record	84	..	5.4	18.9
281	243½	Renshaw	275	+1	3.0	23.2
188	126	Renold	185	+½	2.0	25.6
73	51	Richard (Leics)	58	..	4.8	41.5
104½	76	Richardson West	77	..	5.3	16.9
204	161	Rolls-Royce	172	..	3.6	30.3
195	156	Rotork	167	+2	3.3	17.0
190	134	Robicon	140	..	4.1	15.8
150½	72	Senior Eng	82	..	5.2	13.4
270	245	Servomex	266	..	3.1	38.4
630	500	Siebe	539	+3	2.7	17.2
130½	75	Simon Eng	87	..		
82	35	Six Hundred	78	+1	2.4	26.9
1459¼	1034¾	SKF 'B'	1059¾	-78¼		
527¼	411	Smiths Indt	433	+1	3.8	18.7
486	337	Spirax-Sarco	454	+1	2.7	19.3
267	197	Sterling Ind	228	..	3.9	14.6
455	343	TI	373	+2	3.8	20.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	102	..	7.0	16.3
105	45	Transfer Tech	60	..	6.9	8.6
163	125	Triplex Lloyd	128	+1½	6.8	..
18½	12	Utd Inds	16½	..	0.8	..
1548	980	VSEL	1355	+10	3.3	12.7
31½	12	Verson	15			
204	163	Vickers	170	+2	2.4	18.9
327	230	Victaulic	231	...	4.4	12.7
19	9½	Villers Grp	9½			
531	451	Vealent	530	..	1.9	13.9
805	661	Vosper Thorny	722	..	3.3	15.6
527	451	Wagon Ind	453	..	5.1	22.7
354½	246½	Weir	273	...	3.0	16.3
46½	37½	Wellman	40½	..	3.1	66.1
548	365	Whatman	373	+3	3.5	13.7
264	90	Whessoe	128	..	2.2	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	34			
160	108	Airflow Streamt	159	...	3.1	15.6
639	467	Avon Rubber	468	+½	4.4	*
236	173	BBA	205	+2	2.7	
86½	54	BSG	56½	+1	7.1	35.3
18½	8½	Benson Group	8½		4.9	11.7
306	180	Bostrom	300		2.5	17.1
28½	17	Boustead	23		5.5	
22	11½	Cavendale	11½	...	1.6	11.7
332	275	ERF	324		7.6	
370	296	First Tech	369	-1	1.8	21.1
660	510½	GKN	596	-1	4.3	34.9
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2437½	+25	2.1	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1080¾	-5½	0.4	
432½	331	Laird	347	+1	3.9	16.8
350	233	Lookers	345			
239	158	Lucas	200	+1	4.4	
64	50	Mayflower	53	+3	3.3	21.6
124	61	Motostes	61	-1		8.5
178	149	Syltone	161		3.9	17.6
261	157	T & N	160	+2	8.5	15.9
333	263	Turner Hldgs	316		2.6	22.9

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	560	-3	3.6	11.5
368	248	Acatos & Hutch	255	+1	4.3	
74	40	Albert Fisher	46	+1	10.1	15.7
270	210	Banks (S C)	215		5.7	8.2
383	305	Barr (AG)	378	-2	2.2	24.4
72	35	Benson Crisp	38		7.1	
481	378	Booker	402		6.8	14.8
56½	48	Borthwick	48½	-¼	3.3	23.2
212	156	CPL Aromat	201	-2	1.9	19.2
545	392	Cadbury-Schw	407½	+7½	4.7	13.5
259	143	Carrs Milling	226	+2	3.4	
167	130	Cranswick	140	-½	7.4	11.7
154	99	Dalepak	108		1.7	..
543	389	Dalgety	419	-1	6.3	11.7
67	50	Daniel S	54		8.7	
294	210	Devro	217	+2	3.6	14.6
101	52	Everest	65		4.8	24.4
8½	4½	Fearngold	4½			
85	61	Finlay (James)	66		7.9	9.0
20½	13	Glass	13		4.5	12.8
68	38	Grand Central	48			
194	104	Hazelwood Fds	110	+1	7.6	6.9
196½	151	Hillsdown	176		6.2	12.5
39	16	Hobson	22½			
111	88	JU Group	88	+½	6.9	12.4
408	313	Linton Park	343		6.3	9.9
127	85	Matthews (B)	116	-2	2.9	13.9
181	160	Man ED & F	175	+3	6.3	9.5
246	205	Nichols (JN)	231		3.2	14.8
271½	193	Nthn Foods	211	+1½	5.2	10.8
14	9	Normans	10½			
46	24	Pascoe's	24			
81	62	Perkins Food	67		8.3	11.2
96	73	Sentry Farm	84		3.3	8.5
122	71	Sims Food	78		12.0	*
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	420	+2	4.3	9.6
238	145	Tiegt	203		2.5	16.5
434½	317	Unigate	339	+1	6.5	9.3
1247	956	Unilever	1135	-3	2.8	16.3
8118¾	6496¼	Unilever (NV)	7268¾	+18½	2.9	14.8
388	293½	Utd Biscuits	327	+2	5.8	26.7
49	33	West Trust	36	-1	9.8	24.9
133	99	Yorkshire Food	103		4.0	12.2

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	325	AAH	334	-1	6.7	11.7
1141	850	Amersham	851	-1	2.4	17.8
81	47	Amgen	51			
297½	205	Acatic Nursg	208	..	1.4	12.1
393	243	Bespak	278	..	4.6	14.3
10	5	Care UK	6½	+	...	...
115	60	Celsis	76	+2		
151	88	Chiroscience	96	-3		
47	38	Cortecs	38			
297	232	Community H	241	-1	4.1	13.9
44	29	CrestaCare	29		3.3	..
146	95	Enviromed	113		1.8	..
110	82	Ferraris Group	86		3.3	*
171	134	Goldsborough	153	+5	1.9	..
15½	9½	Greenacre	10		4.2	13.3
165	39	Intercare Gp	46	+1	10.1	
325	279	Isotron	279	-1	2.1	
171	107	Life Sciences	128		4.0	12.7
152½	74	Lon Intl	85			
80	42	Nestor-BNA	46		8.6	11.4
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	253		2.2	14.7
210	123	Scholl	132		6.1	12.7
363	275½	Seton Health	318		2.7	16.2
83	44	Shield Diag	55			
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	153	+½	4.1	16.9
21	8	Specialeyes	8	-1		
292	192	Takare	301	+1	1.3	17.5
313	245	UniChem	260	+1	3.3	14.0
400	294	West Hilltcare	340		1.7	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	202	Airsprung	202	-1½	3.0	12.6
193	115	BLP Group	151		0.8	41.4
39	26	Bilston Btrsea	35			
167	91	Crown Plt 'A'	99	+1	7.2	22.2
285	172	Creighton Nt	172	-6	5.6	12.7
165	133	Denby Group	148		2.8	
168	113	Gaskell	135		3.9	...
14	4½	Lionheart	4½		5.3	...
231	166	Maybom	185		4.0	12.3
335	250	Oxford Instr	275		4.9	12.3
430	230	Osborne & Little	382	+4	2.4	11.9
625	428	Paterson Zch	449		3.9	13.0
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	419		4.1	12.1
714½	528	Reckitt Coln	593	+8	3.6	15.0
291	211	Relyon	247		2.7	45.1
378	194	Silentnight	198		5.1	12.4
46	27½	Stoddard	29½	+½	6.8	11.1
330	308	Tomkinsonst	309		6.9	
160	125	Victoria Carpet	140		4.0	7.5
114	97	Walker Greenbk	107	+1	4.0	19.1
83	44	Wirkon Widgwd	57			44.4
156	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493¾	937½	Alex & Alext	1262½	+50	5.3	..
2047¼	1587½	Am Gen	1850	+82½	4.0	...
112	84½	Ampersion	89		1.7	73.4
86	47	Archer	58	+1	2.2	
165	85	Bradstock	92½	+½	8.1	
550	370	Britannic	397	+2	4.1	
117	88½	CLM Insce	95		1.8	63.6
701½	481	Com Union	534	+7	4.2	20.1
108	86	Dartan	97		0.6	
1950	1650	Dom & Gen	1655		2.1	17.7
64	31	FAI	37	+1	1.3	
221½	145	FBD IE	162½		4.2	7.6
194	140	Fenchurch Grp	160		6.5	
114	89	Finsbury Undw	97½		1.7	62.9
757	491	Gen Accident	537	+6	6.5	8.7
247	161	GRE	180	-½	5.4	20.1
106	80	HCG Lloyds	92		1.8	77.5
457	211	Heath C E	248	+2	8.1	
245½	177½	Hibernian IE	187		5.2	7.0
114	86	Hiscox Select	108		1.7	
323	278½	Independent	270	+5	4.1	7.3
241	178	Irish Life	179		6.5	16.7
203	118	JIB Group	126	+2	7.4	11.6
547	407	Legal & Gen	440	+10	6.8	17.5
1490¾	965¾	Liberty Life	1490¾	+18½	7.1	5.7
119	91	London Ins Mkt	99½		2.5	34.7
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	161		6.1	10.6
471	313	Lloyds Abbey	326	+6	7.1	9.8
185	159	Lombard Ins	176		5.5	16.8
443	282	London & Man	304	+5	6.6	15.1
118	91	London Ins Mkt	99½		2.5	34.7
236	156	Lowndes Lamb	182		6.0	10.0
5893¾	4531¼	Marsh McLn	4975	+31½	3.7	
110	84	Medmead	96			
188	147	Nelson Hurst	176	+1	4.0	17.6
106	76	New London Cap	87		1.4	..
129½	102	Oriel	102	...	6.1	*
89	75	Premium Trust	75½		3.3	
134	101½	Premium Under	110	-1		
385	271	Prudential	317	+4	5.4	13.7
83	31	PWS	35		10.7	5.8
404	239	Refuge	246	+5	5.9	18.1
350	232½	Royal	283	+2	4.0	5.9
222	139	Sedgwick	156	+4	4.8	17.5
155	104	Steel Burrill	121	+1	9.3	
87	54	Stirling Hldgs	72	-1	5.4	
418	285	Sun Alliance	310	+3	6.0	8.6
107	81	Syndicate Cap	89		1.8	70.9
96	51	Trade Indemnity	60		1.9	13.4
464	332	Transatlantic	334	-2	4.5	30.2
673	432	Utd Friendly	443	+9	4.8	22.8
245	129	Willis Corroon	140	+2	5.9	16.5
28	20	Windsor	23		2.8	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
338	280	3i	329	+½	2.8	
106½	79½	Abtrust Emerg	82½	+½	0.3	
102	82	Abtrust High Inc	82		8.7	
290	205	Abtrust N Dawn	217	...	0.5	..
2058	1678	Alliance	1720	+5	3.5	..
293	247	American Trust	251	+2	2.7	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	412		2.2	...
196	141	Baillie Gifford SN	147	...		
219	173	Bankers	184	...	2.7	*
75½	43½	Baring Em Eu	45½	...	0.3	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	314	+1	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	222	...	1.2	*
120½	86½	Br Assets	90	+1	6.0	..
98	89	Br Empire Secs	90½	+½	1.3	..
46	31	Br Empire Wts	32	...		
234	188	Br Invt	200	...	3.1	...
105¾	63½	Brazilian	105¾		0.3	...
272	221	Brunner	226		3.0	...
161	117	BZW Convt	130	-½	7.5	...
363	310	Candover	334	+1	4.2	...
65	50	Central Euro Gwth	51	...		
271	163	China & Eastern	165	..	2.7	*
223	186	Contl Asset	186	..	2.0	
95	80	Danae Inv Inc	80	..	12.4	..
328	268	Derby Cap	305	+2		..
173	147	Derby Inc	160	...	12.3	..
100	70	Drayton Bluest	70	...	15.0	..
111	84	Dryton Eng Intl	93	..	1.1	
156	128	Dryton Far East	140½	..	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	636	+4	5.2	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	88½			
341	292	Dunedin Smllr	302	+6	3.7	*
80	36	Dunedin Wts	36½			
827	725	Dunedin Wrldwt	737	+2	1.6	
122	92½	Edin Dragon	101	+½		
53½	42½	Edinburgh Incst	49½	-¼	0.1	
360	281	Edinburgh	298	+1	3.7	
179	139	EFM Japan	159			
354	286	Electra Inv	320		2.9	
220	185	Electric Gen	190½	+½	2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	182		2.7	
127	106	English Scot	108			
345	273	European Assets	277	+1	2.1	..
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	153	+1	0.2	
103½	79	Fidelity Jap Val	82			
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155		2.4	
86	69	First Spanish	70		0.4	
343	274	Fleming Amer	283½	+2½	0.5	
145	68	Fleming Chinest	75	+½	0.8	
92	26	Fleming Ch Wts	34½	-1½		
267	196	Fleming Claver	199		3.5	
385	300	Fleming Contl	301		0.9	...
210½	158	Fleming Em Mkts	161½			
264	190	Fleming Enterp	204		2.9	
459	327	Fleming F East	332		0.6	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	354	+2	1.1	
130	89	Fleming Hi Inct	96		5.8	
109	89½	Fleming Indcant	91		0.6	
64	42	Fleming In Wts	45			
52½	34½	Fleming Intl	35		12.7	
284	223	Fleming Japan	252	+2		
347	269½	Fleming Mercnt	275		3.0	
347½	280½	Fleming Overs	289½	+½	1.9	
156½	135½	Foreign & Col	133	+½	1.7	
106	93	For & Col Inc Gwth	99		1.8	
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	129½	-1		
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	69½		1.1	
261	216	Frgn Eurotrst	218		0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	118	+1	9.5	
374	298	Frgn Pacific	312		1.0	
144	116	Frgn PEP	122		3.6	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	159½		1.5	
120	91	Frgn US Smll	93			
28½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	24			
54	46	Fulcrum Inct	46	...	23.5	
142½	134½	Fulcrum Zero	133			
213	190	Gartmore Brit	190		4.8	
151	124	Gartmore Eurot	129	+2	0.9	
130	85	Gartmore Shrct	86		14.4	
247	201	G'more Smlr Cos	206		3.5	
129	99	Geared Inc Inv	100	-1	10.4	
200	148	Genl Cons Cap	149			
115½	104	Genl Inct	105		10.4	
106	88	German Inv	90	+½	0.1	
325	214	Gov Asian Sm Cos	236	-1	0.1	
151	101	Gov Emg Mkt	122	-2	0.3	
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	142	+2	..	
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	84			
112	78	Govett High Inct	82		7.0	..
429	349	Govett Oriental	379		0.4	
346	231	Govett Strategict	236	-1	3.6	
475	404	Greenfriar	404		2.1	
19	15	Gresham House	19			
303	227	GT Japan	238	-2	0.7	
155	119	H Govett Smlr Co	119½		1.1	
138	113	Hend High	117		6.1	
293	225	Hend Strategic	277	+½	0.2	*
105	85	Herald	90			
116	85½	HTR Jap Smaller	164	-1	0.5	
27	13	IGS Ent	15			
119	94	IGS UK Smlrt	99		3.5	
158	117	Inv Cap	123½	-½	5.2	
99	87	Intl Biotech	67			
50	30	Int Wts	32			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	150			
122	86½	J Fry 2nd Ut	95	+1	6.4	
100	34	J Pry Euro Li	94		6.4	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	220			
121	102	Jupiter Intl Grt	102		4.2	
243	195	Kleinwort Cbr	201½	+1½	3.2	
149	115	Klnwt E Mkt	127	..		
124	105	Klnwt End	112	+1		
88½	73½	Klnwt Euro Prvt	75	+1	1.3	
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	24		...	...
116	79	Klnwt H Inct	80		11.9	
272½	224	Klnwt O'seas	231	+2	1.8	
165	125	Klnwt Smlr	127	+1	3.1	
201	129½	Latin American	148¾	-1		
826	672	Law Debenture	735	+2	3.5	
129	93	Lazard H Inct	94		8.5	
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	81			
35	28	Lloyds Sm Dw	28½		15.6	
129	107	Lloyds Sm Pkg	109	-1	4.1	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	159	+1	4.9	
108	81	Lon Smaller Co's	82		4.8	
334	265	Lowland	284		4.1	
1440¾	887½	Lydenburg	1387½		1.7	
630	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	545	+7		
151	127	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135		22.2	
3773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	3628	+10		
353	285	M&G Dual Inc	290		30.3	
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	65½	+½	9.4	
34½	25½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29	+½		
45	36	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	36½		16.8	
137	117	M&G Inc Packaget	119½	+½	5.1	
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Dv	54	-½		
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	30½			
72½	61	M&G Rec Geared	61½		7.9	
37½	30	M&G Rec Inc	30½		15.9	
151	128	M&G Rec Packg	131	+1	3.7	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Dv	73½	-½		
128	99	M Currie Euro	104	+½	0.3	
180	133	M Currie Pac	136		0.3	
227	190	Majedie	192		3.4	
57	44	Marsdon	55			
125	92½	Merc Wld Mg	94	+1		
334	237	Merchants	260	+2	5.4	
90	79½	Mercury Euro Prt	82½	+½	0.9	
45	27	Mercury Wts	27½			
62½	29	Mercury Wld Wts	29			
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	516	+5	1.7	..
158	126	Morg Gren Inct	130		4.6	
64	39	Morg Wts	40			
111	87	Morg Lam Amer	99		..	
65	39	Morg Wts	57			
148	109	Murray Ent	116	+1	2.3	
88	54	Murray Euro	57½	...	0.6	...
393	317	Murray Incmet	319½	-½	4.6	.
395	319	Murray Intl	333	..	4.7	...
163	153	Murray S/C DP	162			
174	128	Murray S/C Cap	129			
97	78	Murray S/C Inc	78		17.0	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3050		4.3	
548	424	Murray Smallt	461	-1	1.5	
363	302½	Murray Vent	306		4.7	...
58	31	Murray Ent Wts	32			
23½	16	Murray Eu Wts	16½			
58	15	Newmarket	16			
95	56	Nthrng Inc	56½	...	9.6	...
104	65	Nthrng Cap	69			
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	345	+2	1.2	
241	179	O'seas Wts	199	+1		
640½	433	Pacific Asset	477	+1	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	382			
120	89	Perpetual Jap	93			
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700		2.8	
153	124	Pilot Inv	125		1.8	
95	88	Piper Euro Sm	88			
32½	88	Prolific Inc	90½	+1		
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	173		1.1	
38	27	River Merc Am Cap	27			
121	101	River Merc Am Inct	101		9.7	
17	11	River Merc Am Wts	11			
150	114	River Merc Cap	118	+1		
147	85	River Merc Ex Inc	86	+1	11.3	
49	14	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	15	+1		
116	82	River Merc Grd Inct	83		11.3	
36	23	River Merc Grd Pfd	26			
127	110	River Merc Tst Inct	110		10.5	
40	22	River Merc Wt	23			
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	126		4.1	
77	31	River Merc Sm Wt	32			
449	405	Robeco	409		3.1	
463	415	Rolinco	417		1.9	
99	82	Schrod Jap Gwth	85			
52	36½	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	38			
1112¾	761¾	Schrod Korea Fd	880¾	+1	0.1	
650½	411	Sch Korea Fd Wt	464¾	+½		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Dn	108½			
37	27½	Sch Spl Fd Cap	29½			
129	108	Sch Spl Fd Inct	111		8.4	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	91	-1½	2.1	
42	30	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	32			
262½	207	Scot	202	+1½	3.1	*
183	148	Scot Amerscant	154	+1	3.3	
368	238	Scot Asian	258			
1070	663	Scot Wts	685			
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81½		2.4	
264½	205	Scot Mige	218½	+½	2.4	
106½	90	Scot Natl Tst	91		10.[illegible]	
133½	104	Scot Value	106		2.4	
1795	1475	Second Alliance	1504	+5	3.5	
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	81½		5.0	
179	142	Selective Asset	153		1.3	
161	128	SHIRESCOT	131			
51½	33½	Sphere Inv	34½		14.0	
343	290	St Andrew Tst	323		3.3	
412	310	Temple Bar	329	-2	4.3	
135	99	Thrgmtn Asian E	105	-1	3.6	
568	462	Throg Dual Cp	483			
101	70½	Throgmorton	72	-½	2.9	
164½	116	Tphon Eng Mkt	121½	-1	6.7	
177½	132½	TR City Of Lon	145	-1	4.5	
205	141	TR Far East	142		5.1	
124½	86	TR Pacific	103		0.2	
43½	31½	TR Property	33½		3.5	
226	179	TR Smr Cos	182½	-1	2.6	
152	102	TR Tech Inv	103		3.1	
405	190	Trafyr Trust	213	-1	3.1	
269	232	USDC Invest	232		3.9	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	115		4.5	
109	63	Wigmore	64		1.5	
257½	235	Witan	235	-2		
113	150	Yeoman Inct	152			

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
13½	3½	1st Choice	[illegible]			
40	25	Abrdn Sth	[illegible]			
578½	416	Airtours	445	[illegible]		
46½	18	Aid Lec	[illegible]			
177	135	Alpha Airpts	[illegible]			
[illegible]						
79	49	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
598	475	Granada	496	-2	2.6	15.9
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	37		9.4	5.4
216	125	Hornby	134	-1	8.4	11.7
173½	142½	Jarvis Hotel	157½		4.4	14.1
18½	11½	Kunick	14½		4.5	
289	200	London Clubs	299	+13	5.3	14.7
217½	145	Ladbroke	160	+4½	2.7	28.2
104	64	Magnolia	65		0.2	
140½	107½	Man Utd	129		4.1	
108½	68	Mandarin Orntl	72½	-2½	4.4	18.8
15	11½	Mv Kinda Town	11½			
67	34	Northern	65		5.8	10.8
102	65½	Pelican Gp	81		1.9	16.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	117		2.1	18.0
183	111	Prism Leisure	111		4.7	7.8
43	21	Quadrant Grp	24			
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	248		2.3	37.3
447½	355½	Rank Org	408	+2	3.8	26.2
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels	26		5.0	14.8
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	910		0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	84½	+½	1.8	30.4
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	335		2.0	18.9
345½	280	Tarrjong	280		0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1011	+6½	4.3	19.3
167	75	Tottenhm Hot	155	-1	0.8	41.6
162	129	VCI	162	+1	1.6	14.5
149	112	Vardon	134	+3	1.1	23.7
18	5	Wembley	5			
149	110	Zetters Gp	135		7.9	*

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	338	+1	2.2	30.6
355	198	Adscene	295	+1	2.8	21.1
33	17½	Aegis Gp	[illegible]			
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½			
26	13	BBB Design	13			6.7
235	160	Barbour Index	160	-2	6.6	13.8
13½	5½	Bridale	5½			
345	320	Black (A&C)	320		5.3	11.6
402	213	Blenheim Gp	244		5.3	9.1
205	133	Border TV	185	+4	2.9	15.3
413	365	Bristol	369		4.2	37.5
259	256	B Sky B	257½	+½		
169	117½	CIA Gp	131	-1	1.7	21.2
439	325½	Capital Radio	334	+1	2.7	*
1047	797	Carlton Comm	875	+16	3.0	16.7
99	76	City of Lon	89		6.2	13.8
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1350	...	1.5	32.7
1464¾	869¼	Daily Mail 'A'	978¼	-3½	2.1	23.6
314	250	Dorling Kind	313		1.3	33.5
469	355	EMAP	389	+6	2.9	21.2
652¼	538	Elsevier	632½	-4	3.0	20.6
1975	1450	Euromoney Pbt	1820	...	3.3	*
17½	8	Fitch	11½			
485	309	Flextech	420	-10		
1033	675	GWR Gp	883	-2	1.9	
275	162	Gold Greenless	182	-1	3.1	19.3
34	22½	Goodhead	26	...	0.2	
356	228	Grampian	339		3.1	17.4
172	106	HTV Group	136		1.6	30.4
194	32	Harrington K	34		3.7	
515	288	Haynes Pub	290		3.9	17.2
408	339	Hodder H'line	330	-5	2.0	53.7
180	120	Home Counts	162		3.9	39.7
340	273	Independent	273		2.8	9.3
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	224		2.0	18.9
162	119	Interoope	131		7.4	
167½	137½	Johnston Press	147		1.6	20.6
33½	20½	Lopex	21		1.5	23.7
110	43	MAID	71			
510	338	Metal Bulletn	510		2.7	26.5
177½	109	Midland Ind	112		3.1	15.3
203	123	Mirror Gp	132	+1	6.9	7.0
431	344	More O'Ferrall	363	+1	4.5	21.0
543	242½	News Corp	255	+4	8.6	15.5
314	209	News Intl	211	+1	0.9	11.2
60	23½	Osprey Comms	28	+2	0.5	..
735	551	Pearson	567	+2	2.9	19.5
440	207	Phonelink	213			
750	603	Portsmouth Sund	603		2.3	12.4
339	249	Quarto	258		3.0	13.6
954	722	Reed Intl	782	+17	3.1	23.7
539¼	424	Reuters	469	+6	1.8	23.5
179	127	Saatchi	151	-3		29.4
628	395	Scot Radio	568	-2	3.0	..
574	355	Scot TV	422		3.7	28.3
40½	32½	SelecTV	33			
57	20½	Shandwick	43			
252	187	Southnewst	237		1.2	6.5
200	96	Sterling Pub	96	-8	1.8	23.8
153	117	Sussex & Vine	124		4.8	9.0
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	35		4.0	10.8
622	310	Telegraph	354	+3	2.2	21.1
885	685	Thomson Corp	715		4.6	12.5
472	367	Trinity Intl	370	+2	5.3	35.7
780	518	Ulster TV	675		3.4	17.0
731	477	Utd Newspaps	484	+3	3.8	20.8
161	106	VTR	106	-2	5.9	11.7
36½	17½	WMGO	17½	-1	4.7	11.4
129	63	WPP	110	-1	7.4	8.3
450	150	Yorkshire TV	371	-2	1.2	15.8

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corp	95		3.6	6.5
3693¾	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3693¾		2.6	19.3
3796¼	2309¾	Ang Am	3527½	+68¾	2.1	32.4
7331¼	4537¼	Ang Am Gold	6325	+6½	4.3	18.4
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	27	+		
1517½	1196¼	Ashanti	1343¾	+9½		
165	110	Ashton	110	-3	5.0	
339	773½	Broken Hill	951	+6	2.3	36.6
404	230	Balyrock	245	+2		
421	294½	Bestre	388½	+½	4.6	21.6
39	34	Bisichi	34		2.5	29.4
[illegible]	50½	Syrcors	107½			
54	30	Bougainville	41			
[illegible]	12½	Bracken	19		5.0	
835	513	Buffels	584½	+½	9.4	
8	2½	Bute	3			
362	745½	CRA	991	+7	2.5	26.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Central Pacific	44			
35½	36	CKM	41			
[illegible]	28½	Coal Inv	76			
[illegible]	65	Cons Murchison	196		3.7	15.1
1790	1318¾	De Beers	1450		3.5	9.1
118	88	Deelkraal	104½			
[illegible]	30½	Doornkloof	53			
1321	685½	Driefontein	892½	+1	4.8	12.9
945½	527½	Durban	624½	+½		
[illegible]	187	E Rand Gold	149½	+½	14.1	4.7
[illegible]	59½	E Rand Prop	76			
73	42	Eastern Trans	70		3.3	16.6
513	300½	Elandsrand	328½	+½	4.2	8.8
447½	320	Eng China Cl	340		6.0	16.4
1233	741½	FS Cons	888½	+1	6.6	10.8
82	27	FS Dev	60		2.2	
2335	1193¾	GFSA	1862½		2.0	27.3
63½	45	GM Kalgoorli	48	+3	3.1	16.9
233½	193½	Gencor	224½	+6½	1.2	27.6
[illegible]	75	Gold Fields Prop	118		7.9	
[illegible]	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½			
[illegible]	105½	Grootvlei	153½	+½	6.2	8.0
[illegible]	67	Gwelo Cons	87½	+½	1.1	10.1
[illegible]	219½	Harmony	496½	+½		
[illegible]	265½	Hartebst	280½	+½	3.6	8.7
1559½	831½	Impala Plt	1512½	+3½	1.7	46.1
[illegible]	119	Joint	130	-5	9.2	11.7
[illegible]	931½	Kinross	1056½		4.6	14.5
1094½	566½	Kloof	884½	+1	3.7	9.1
[illegible]	16	Leslie	102½		10.5	5.9
362½	179½	Libanon	379½	+½		
[illegible]	17	Lorraine	20			
[illegible]	2½	Messina	3			
[illegible]	153	MIM	109	+2	2.3	
[illegible]	1452½	Minorco	1475		2.5	
[illegible]	133	Nchanga	168	-6		
[illegible]	[illegible]	NSM	92	-1		8.6
[illegible]	146½	Nth Brk Hill	166	-8	3.3	23.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Oryx Gold	50			
[illegible]	65	Pancontinental	74			
453	250	Pesaing Tin	265	+5	0.5	
199	132½	Placer Pac	173	+1		
[illegible]	317	RiB	#346		4.4	16.8
[illegible]	790	RTZ	825	-1	3.1	23.5
[illegible]	21	Randfontn	31	-1		
[illegible]	127½	Rand Mines	650		1.7	
[illegible]	547½	Randfontn	648½	-½	7.6	8.2
[illegible]	207	Renison	230	-2		
[illegible]	1078½	Rustenburg	1640¾	+3½	1.8	
112	56	St Barbara	74	-1		
[illegible]	539½	St Helena	564½	+1	7.9	
[illegible]	155	Sons Gwalia	228		5.5	14.1
[illegible]	16	Siren Pacific	17			
[illegible]	1484½	Southvaal	1753½	+3½	5.0	20.1
[illegible]		Starmin	½			
[illegible]	73	Sudcasten	75		28.9	2.5
[illegible]	90	Unisel	168½	+½	3.6	12.8
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5412½	+6½	4.8	8.8
[illegible]	7½	Vatiste Col Z	12		10.3	2.9
[illegible]	495	Welkom	533		2.9	20.1
1013½	503½	Western Areas	988½	+1	5.3	12.6
3575	3050	Western Deep	2531¼	+3½	4.1	8.6
398	330½	Western Mng	358	+10	1.1	52.8
1125	603½	Winkels	831½		5.8	11.6
86	47	Zambia Copper	50			
65	48	Zandpan	48		9.3	10.7

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
44	24½	Aran Energy	43½	+½		26.3
53	35	Arcon Intl	40			
74½	51½	Aust Oil & Gas	54½	-1½		
68	43	Aviva Pet	52			
249	197	Br Borneo	223	-1	4.0	10.5
358	253	British Gas	306	-1½	5.9	
437½	340	Br Petroleum	425	+3½	2.8	23.3
3	1½	Bula Resources	2½			
919	783½	Burmah Castrol	794	+3	4.3	15.8
88	56	Cairn Energy	82			45.2
375	258	Calor Grp	264	-4	5.9	12.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	39		1.1	
30	9½	Coplex Res	12	+½		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	2½			
27½	17	Edo Oil & Gs	21½			23.2
486	370	Enterprise	387	+3	5.2	
27	21	Fairmoven Intl	27	+2	4.5	11.0
303	263	Flogas	280		5.8	11.6
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			33.5
77	54	Goal Pet	63		2.9	20.9
47	31	Gt Western Res	41			
177	136	Hardy O & G	138	+½	0.9	17.7
55	40	Kell Energy	49½	...	3.4	23.7
169	110½	Lasmo	141½		0.9	
73	48	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
75	55	Monument	65½	...		70.0
7½	3½	New London	7½			
2540¾	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2453½	+34¾	1.3	*
9½	3½	Oceonics	4½			
50	36	Oil Search	44	-1		
50½	17½	Petroz	34½	-		
168	140	Pict Pet	155	+14		
32½	21	Premier	23	+1½		12.5
158	43	Presidio	43		15.5	
111	83	Ptarmigan Rs	85			
282	129	Ramco Egy	210		0.3	
463	325	Ranger	383	-2	5.4	
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Pt	6834½	+96¾	4.6	17.9
4084¾	3271½	Schlumberger	3275	+3½	2.3	
82	43	Scott Pickford	48		2.3	9.2
90	50	Seafield	85			
758	651	Shell	694½	+7½	4.5	21.0
187	116	Sansca Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3481½	Total	3853½	+65¾	4.6	*
19	9½	Villiers Grp	9½			
237	178½	Woodside	235	...	1.7	...
110	38	XCL	48			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	75	-1	7.0	6.1
136	96	Baltic Plc	124		2.0	7.8
185	80	Berry Bch Nbt	80	..	8.0	12.1
215	152	Bolton Inv	154	+2		
154	108	Brown Dolphin	114	+1	6.4	8.4
757	620	Caledonia	623	...	3.3	17.6
2650	1900	Camellia	2200	...	1.8	5.9
30½	19	Carlisle	19½		1.6	
630½	447	Cater Allen	453	+5	7.8	9.3
174½	125	Cattles	149	+2	4.4	16.7
85	35	Cheshire	35			77.3
80	60	Clydesdale	72	-½	4.8	..
16	12	EFG	14		0.9	8.1
71½	45½	EFT Group	59		3.7	12.4
740	513	EFM	720	+4	4.1	21.9
212	159	Exco	162	+1	6.7	4.4
229	151	Gartmore	178	+1	2.8	20.6
515	395	Gerrard Nat	495	+7	6.1	14.3
465	333	Govett	347	+1	5.4	6.7
1208	845	Henderson Adm	1040	+25	5.4	14.4
251½	151	Invesco	167	...	2.8	27.4
50	37	Investment Co	43	...	5.1	13.7
250	185	Ivory Sime	234	+3	4.0	18.0
317	193½	Jardine Strat	228½	+½	3.7	9.1
428	103	Johnson Fry	135	+4	1.4	4.8
170	103	King Steadmt	104	+1	10.8	10.3
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	160		7.3	10.0
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	115	+1	3.9	17.5
1243	794	M & G	955	+13	4.0	18.2
323	216	MAI	225	+1	4.3	12.2
117½	85½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	88½	+½		
770	538	MAMT	724		4.0	16.9
29½	8½	Nat Home Loan	15½			
1268	976	Perpetual	1123	+28	3.9	17.2
573	415	Provident	533	+5	4.2	17.0
365	245	Rathbone Bros	245		4.3	12.1
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½		4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	298		4.6	9.7
425	165	Sharelink	168	-1	6.8	6.2
188	106	SJP Capital	111	+2	8.4	7.9
498	324	Smith New Ct	418	+4	3.0	3.5
604	353	Swire Pacific 'A'	392½	+4½	2.4	..
224	78	Tovey Law	78		7.2	6.7
65	23	Tullig Hldgs	24		0.5	10.9
199	87	Union	92		8.1	8.5
31	20	Western Select	25		1.2	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	542	-5		
488	343	Cantab Pharms	345			
243	191	Celltech	236			
151	88	Chiroscience	96	+3		
47	38	Cortecs	38			
157	107	Fisons	114		3.0	
725	520	Glaxo	639½	+19½	5.3	15.4
185	95½	Grampian Hlg	99		8.9	18.3
187	120	Medeva	170	-1	2.1	13.7
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	258		2.2	14.7
295	242	Scotia	274			
83	44	Shield Diag	55			
485½	357½	SmithKline	467	+7	3.3	18.0
426	322	SmithKline Unit	422	+3	3.8	16.4
731	498	Wellcome	678	-7	3.2	15.4
886	672	Zeneca	887	+8	3.9	17.7

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	126	+2	5.5	11.9
444	335	API	389	+11	3.1	
316	234½	Arjo Wiggins	241	+2	3.4	30.3
205	145	Aspen Comms	165		3.6	18.8
473	347	Bemrose	368		4.2	13.2
171	97	Blagden	103		1.8	48.2
524	409	Bowater	423	+3	3.9	15.9
1865¾	1378¼	Bowater Inct	1681¼	+18½		
297	242	Boxmore Intl	243		2.1	14.8
515	435	Br Polythene	497	...	3.1	17.4
176	35	Br Thornton	40	...	18.8	3.5
180½	119	Britton Gp	120		2.6	17.7
186	139	Bunzl	170	+2	3.0	20.0
188	129	Capital Inds	144		3.9	11.3
2446¾	1890¾	Canson Mill	2112½	-3½	2.2	16.6
439	282	Cropper (James)	282		1.6	14.8
1035	825	De La Rue	956	+1	2.7	17.4
114	78	Delyn Group	80		2.8	14.5
137	103	Dolphin Pack	103		5.5	13.2
101	75	Fairway Group	83		4.8	17.4
430	302	Ferguson Intl	303		3.3	12.2
149	120	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	...
30	1½	Hunterprint	2			
230	150	Inveresk	154		4.1	9.3
286	248	Jarvis Porter	280		2.4	18.3
438	364	Low & Bonar	397		3.2	15.8
69	44½	MY Holdings	55		3.6	13.1
271	223	Macfarlane	257		2.0	20.7
250	146	Plysu	163		5.4	23.0
980	513	Portals	955	+45	2.1	26.2
412	314	St Ives Gp	315½		2.5	17.1
1128¾	464½	Sappi	1128¾	+17½	0.5	...
30½	9½	Sari	9½			
351½	185	Sidlaw	195	+2	7.1	*
573	398	Smith David	489	+1½	3.1	*
420¼	274½	Smurfit (Jef)	355	+2	1.5	50.6
119	82	Sonsec	87		3.5	10.4
45	18½	Unit Group	34			
270	182	Waco	225	+3	2.2	14.4
281	209	Waddington (J)	216	-1	5.0	18.6
511	365	Watmough	413		2.1	28.1
149	98	Wyndeham	132		2.6	17.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	92	Allied Lon	92		5.3	11.8
276	253	Argent	256			
80	63	Ateston Ests	76	-2		
144	109	Asda Prop	111		2.5	19.7
382½	234	Bilton	234	-1	5.2	17.6
283	206	Birkby	208	-2	4.1	16.3
39½	14	Bolton Gp	15			45.8
108	70	Bourne End	70½		1.3	
278	170	Bradford	175		4.9	14.7
137	103	Brightstone	118		4.0	26.7
474	343	Br Land	354	+6	2.7	33.4
276	168	Brixton	173	+2	5.9	15.4
118	88½	Burford	88	+1	2.3	28.5
112	96	CLS Hldgs	99	+1	6.2	
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	137		1.5	31.0
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	203	+6	4.0	48.9
325	203	Cardiff Prop	228		1.4	51.0
65	24½	Cathay Intl	24½			
185	152	Chelsfield	155	+2	1.9	52.6
678	413	Chesterfield	425	+3	3.8	19.1
112	86	Chesterton Intl	89		4.6	12.5
84	36	City Site Ests	51			10.2
12¼	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7		1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½		6.3	
56	28	Conrad Ritbt GS	28		2.2	24.5
1755	1195	Daejan	1195	-10	3.0	13.9
25½	5	Dares Estates	10½			
17	4	De Morgan	5½			
156	96	Debenham Twsn	96		4.6	15.6
189	161	Decora	163		2.5	45.8
347½	240	Derwent Hldgs	240		2.4	21.4
41	17	Development Sec	17½	-½	0.7	
57	45	Dewey	45		2.1	
28	25	Elco	31			
460	275	Estates Agency	350		4.6	
47	18	Estates Gen	23½			
132	97	Evans Of Leeds	99	+1	3.3	16.5
43½	23	Ex-Lands	23		2.3	
80	64	Fiscal Prop	65		1.2	
37	23½	Five Oaks	25		2.5	10.5
78	33	Fletcher King	33		5.8	16.1
51	38	Folkes Group	44		4.3	
51	36	Folkes Group nv	41		4.6	23.3
536	407	Frogmore	421	+1	5.0	15.2
325	228	Grainger	236		3.2	
260	167½	Gt Portland	178	+4	5.8	30.1
226½	118	Greycoat	123		0.6	
94	39	Hambro Coyne	39		0.8	39.6
435	298	Hammerson	321	+12	3.9	32.2
390	298	Helical Bar	318	+1	2.4	11.4
40¼	28½	Hemingway	29		1.7	49.8
78	20	Herring Baker	20		6.2	
73	45	High-Point	45		1.4	
269	133½	HK Land	127	-½	5.0	
311¼	136½	Jermyn	154			77.1
702	543	Land Secs	589	+3	5.1	16.9
16	6	Lon & Metro	8			0.3
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	92		5.8	13.4
562	353	MEPC	378	+1	6.6	20.6
13½	6	McInerney A	6½			
190	164	McKay Secs	167		3.9	16.5
85	55	Marvale Mkt	61	+6	4.1	9.8
55	27	Moorfield Est	30		4.2	
1425	1125	Mountview	1125		2.5	8.7
198	144	Mucklow (A&J)	148		5.3	19.7
2½	¾	ORB	¾			
64	29	Olives Prop	30			11.2
191	135½	PSIT	135½		4.3	19.2
398	218	Peel	224	+5	2.5	42.6
162	138	Pillar Prop	142	+1	3.3	
12½	2½	Power Corp	2½			
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½			
77	56	RPS Group	70		4.6	12.6
53	31	Raglan	31			7.5
40	33½	Regalian	26½			6.5
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	160		1.5	10.2
134	97	Rugby Est	98		2.9	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	48		3.1	12.0
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	60		5.6	17.5
100	53	Savills	54		5.2	8.7
108	64	Scot Metr	65		3.8	7.6
81	45	Secure Retire	46			14.9
135	86	Slattesbury	87		1.4	
307	207½	Slough Estates	215	+1	4.7	46.0
103	50	Southend Prop	52		6.0	
133	100	Speciality Shops	104	+4	2.9	
50	6	Stanhope Prps	6	-8		
39	34	TBI	38			1.7
244	164	Tops Ests	164		1.7	41.6
130½	92½	Town Centre	99		3.8	18.3
107	81	Trafford Park	82		4.8	
29½	15	Trencherwood	18			
58	28	UK Land	40	-1		
317	212	Warner	213		6.6	20.5
260	218	Warnford	225		4.4	18.4
7½	1½	Waterglade	#2			
103½	62	Wates	69	+1		
45	29	Whitney Mck	36			
105	61	Wood John D	64		3.9	
30	15	YRM	16			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	50½	ASDA Group	64½	+½	3.8	14.7
315	222½	Argyll	252		5.8	10.7
505	413	Bains Brost	456		2.0	18.4
43	24	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
17	11½	Cullens	13½			
137	66	Dairy Farm Intl	73	+½	5.0	9.9
394	344	Fampak	350		2.4	19.9
80	37	Fitzwilton	39		11.6	
108	87	Fyffes	97		1.8	16.6
371	165	Geest	170		6.0	
1078	653	Greggs	1058	+8	2.2	19.9
395	325	Greencore	385		3.3	
211	133	Iceland Group	148	+1	3.3	9.2
656	523	Kwik Save	537	+1	4.5	9.7
18	9	Merchant Retail	11½			
149	99	Morrison (W)	136		1.0	15.9
232	161	Nurdin Peack	162		5.1	9.0
146	89½	Park Foods	123		2.4	24.9
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury J	398½	+4½	3.4	14.1
256	300½	Tesco	238	+1	4.2	11.9
198	162	Thorntons	172		3.8	14.1
422	279	Watson & Philip	359		5.1	14.5

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	32			
248	199	Allders	209½	+½	4.1	*
410	307	Argos Plc	342	+6	3.0	18.0
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	77		0.2	
357	129	Asprey	135	+8	5.6	11.1
246	176	Austin Reed	209	-1½	3.2	10.5
168	132	Beattie (J) 'A'	133		5.8	17.4
150	110	Bentalls	119	-7	2.1	41.2
165	36	Betterware	44	+1	8.0	4.7
48	29	Blacks Leist	35		8.0	
264	190	Body Shop	191	-1	1.4	16.8
601	458½	Boots	485½	+1½	4.0	15.5
12½	1½	Brown & Jackson	2	+½		
263	205	Brown (N)	209		2.5	18.6
74½	51	Burton	67½	+1	3.8	31.7
245	148	Carlsons	149		3.4	
304	220	Carpetright	220		3.8	19.3
246	152	Chrysalis	163	+5	1.5	28.8
520	388	Church	480		3.4	24.4
171	95	Clinton Cards	95		8.2	13.8
170	81	C'try Casuals	87	+1	8.2	24.9
903	730	Courts Furnish	795		0.9	40.4
210	155	Crown Eyet	187	+½	6.7	8.1
353	245	DFS Furniture	272	+8	3.3	
297	170	Dixons Grp	176	-1½	4.7	18.7
580	530	Elys (Wmbldn)	580		3.8	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8			
284	152	Essex Firm	154		3.6	
326	217	Etam	234	+2	4.1	13.8
558	364	Fine Art Devt	364	-5½	5.9	11.3
68	46	Final Bath	66			
106	71	Flying Flowers	89		1.7	13.6
278	124	French Conn	265		10.8	
364	205	Frost Group	225		3.8	22.8
66	49	Gleast	56		3.3	30.0
136	85	Goldsmiths Gp	127½	+4½	1.8	22.9
653	493	GUS	520	+8	3.2	15.2
196	164	Hamleys	181	-2	3.2	17.4
31	21	Hampton Grp	23		5.4	69.2
227	178	Hse of Fraser	180		3.5	14.2
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	80		4.8	15.1
778	404	Kingfisher	429	+15	4.3	11.3
276	100	Kleeneze	110		1.7	
436	280	Liberty	308		2.0	
380	277	Lloyds Chem	289	+1	4.6	5.6
184	117	MFI	120		4.4	14.8
467½	358½	Marks Spencer	394½	+4	3.1	17.9
680	485	Menzies (John)	500		2.9	22.3
377	236	Moss Bros	339		3.3	18.4
275	214	Next	251	+5	3.4	18.4
59	30	OEM	28			
97	75	Oliver (G)	95			
113	73	Pockidge Fine	78		4.6	10.5
37	12	Pentos	19½			
268	186	QS Hldgs	188		4.1	17.6
62	16	Raton Gp	16		3.9	15.2
209	137	Ratners	137		4.3	19.8
132	98½	Sears	107	+1	4.4	16.2
46	16½	Signet Group	23	+1½		7.9
549	426	Smith WH	461	+8	4.2	22.8
1260	688	Sotheby's	715		3.9	20.8
252	190	Storehouse	208	-4½	3.4	17.1
161½	151½	Style	175		1.9	31.8
198	146	T & S Stores	166	+3	4.7	11.8
173	114	Tie Rack	119		1.8	14.1
68½	5½	Upton & Sodh	6			
539	394	Vendome	405	+11	2.0	28.1
70	28	WEW Group	29		3.0	
89½	52	Wd of Leather	68		1.1	
185	138	Wyevale	159		5.6	16.3

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	528	Allied Domecq	559	+7½	5.1	15.1
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	388		3.6	22.1
140	105	Bass Stewart	119		5.1	28.2
506	374	Grand Met	399	+3½	4.5	18.3
542	421	Guinness	442	+2	3.7	14.6
457	353	Highland Dist	434		2.1	19.8
222	127	Macallan-Glen	209		0.7	34.8
710	365	Macdo Mrtn 'A'	699		3.1	28.7
614	515	Matthew Clark	525	+3	4.2	12.8
250	72	Mrydew Wt	73			
190	142	Taunton Cider	148		6.8	11.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	94	ACT Group	97	+½	6.6	10.2
743	583	ADT	673	-12		
46	34	Alphameric	38			29.7
149	59	Auto Sec	68	+1		
162	99	BET Orbt	104½	+½	4.1	14.9
185	115	BNB Res	178		3.8	20.8
255	175	BPP	229	+1	4.9	18.4
186	130	BSM	130		8.2	11.1
1½	½	Black & Edg	¼			
1100	575	Bodand	575			
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	178	+1	3.4	
79	57	Brooks Service	63		2.5	
117½	80	CRT Gp	81		5.2	18.7
238	156	Capita Group	161		2.2	28.5
423	278	Chubb Sec	278	-9	3.8	16.5
235	105	Comptr People	205		1.3	53.5
65	41	Corp Services	58		0.5	22.2
97	48	Coulls Cnsltg	52		1.0	
276	212	Davis Service	241		4.2	16.2
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	75		5.4	18.6
154	82	EW Fact	93		6.6	7.8
199½	135	El Oro Pic	143		1.8	
334	261	Hays	289		2.8	18.7
289	182½	Hogg Robinson	184		5.0	18.1
39	18	Holders Protect	25			1.5
15	8	Int Com & Data	11			5.6
2696½	1556¼	ISS B Dkr	1556¾	-119½	6.7	1.2
185	126	JBA Hldgs	131	+1	2.8	13.3
414	231	Johnson Clean	234		6.8	15.6
145	99	Kalamazoo	116	-2	3.9	12.4
298	221	Kewill Syst	289	-3	3.9	8.6
35	17	Lase-Scan	17			
143¼	68	LBMS	87			
8	4	Lep	4½			
323	299	Logica	323	+8	1.5	22.8
264	95	MDIS	111	-5	8.0	8.9
198	143	MMT Compt	198		3.3	15.3
216	103	MR Data Mngt	108	+3	6.5	
723	433	Mesco 4	440		3.7	12.4
1885¾	1156¾	Manpower	1825	+9½	0.2	
1320	790	Micro Focus	833			10.1
178	101	Microgen	102		8.3	10.2
549½	408	Mitie	408	-1	2.5	
197	141½	MITIE Gp	182	+3	1.4	23.1
35	22	Nova Group	27		3.9	
82	22	OIS Intl	22		10.8	31
84	60	P & P	74		3.8	18.4
115	85	Michael Page	115		2.5	28.2
143	99	Parity	126	+3	2.1	38.2
235	150	Pegasus	153		4.1	15.4
115	82	Pereat	105	+5	4.8	
89¾	60	Prodicol	69	+1	5.3	41.8
415	290	RCO	305		6.2	18.5
48	27	Radas	35		1.2	
170	73	Real Time	171		2.9	13.0
177	104	Reed Executive	143		8.9	
163	185	Reliance Sec	158		4.2	
279	199½	Rentokil	222	+8	2.4	22.4
194	138	Ricardo Group	149		5.4	17.8
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	177	+½	2.8	27.5
688	507	Sage Gp	659	+12	2.1	
382	243	Salvesen (C)	282	+2	4.0	13.4
94	76	Sanderson Elect	76		4.6	11.3
17½	9	Select App	13½			
438	310	Serco Gp	409		1.1	24.7
307	243	Sercon Gp	268		1.6	25.5
130	75	Shared Cmp	81	-4		
130	92	Shieldyt	92		4.3	15.5
254	172	Stat-Plus	172	-4	6.6	16.3
146	100	Unipalm	120			
31	13½	Vistec	15½		3.7	24
65	37	WSP Hldgs	43	-1	5.5	28.1
338	300	Warne Wrght	300	-3	3.3	30.8

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	359½	BT	375	+6	5.7	18.8
543	352	Cable Wireless	368½	+7	2.9	18.5
175	108	Filtronic Com	166	+2	0.6	16.0
1543	1146	Securicor	1503	+8	0.3	37.2
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	977	+14	0.4	24.2
892	609	Security Serv	787	+9	0.8	24.9
221	157½	Vodafone	201	+1	1.9	20.0

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	78	Albion	89		5.1	
230	133	Alenda W	139	-2	5.5	14.2
617	488	Allied Tex	528		3.1	18.1
189	84	Allkrst	84		12.1	35.7
45	31	Automagic	34			
270	202	Baird (Wm)	203		5.5	12.3
71	35	Beckman (A)	35	-2	12.8	
290	226	Black (Peter)	227		3.5	16.3
193	74	Bridport-Gndry	197	+1	3.5	18
236	171	Br Mohair	185		3.7	18.0
74	29	Carpet	25	+1		
104	80	Cassidy Bros	84		4.1	18.8
193	163	Chamb Phipps	166	-1	5.0	24.1
365	292	Claremont Gmt	297	-2	3.2	16.5
267	188½	Coats Viyella	192		5.4	16.7
593	417	Courtaulds Txt	428	+3	4.4	19.7
159½	117	Dawson	117		3.2	
143	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	129½	+3	1.6	18.3
52	32	Drake Hall	39½		4.4	11.8
42	25	Dunmond	28			11.7
25	14	Ebfd	14			
80	70	Filtroit	71	-½	8.6	12.8
155	136	Foraiste	146		2.7	
29	14	Foster (John)	16	+1		
126	94	French (Thos)	95		4.3	18.8
82	48	Gent SR	72	+1	3.9	
113	73	Haggas	85		4.4	
70½	11	Hanisame	13		5.1	
33	25½	Helene Plc	26	-½	9.7	18.7
263	222	Hicking Pnsct	234	-1	2.5	18.8
91	63	Honeysuckle	64		6.8	
90	48	Horace Small	87			
211	173	Jacques Vert	187		3.8	16.3
73	56	Jerome (S)	55		1.8	7.9
386	268	Jones Stroud	348		3.2	16.6
202½	125	Lambert	128		6.7	12.1
485	333	Lamont	339		4.7	11.3
340	255	Leeds	274	+1	2.3	
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	63		7.9	18.3
101	68	Lyles (S)	78		5.8	8.1
36½	18½	Marling	28		3.2	
17	10	PEX	10			
268	158	Parkland	168		4.8	8.4
122	84	Pentland	105		8.4	20.8
75	53	Pittards	67		3.5	
112	59	Readicut	59½		7.2	18.0
90	71	Rosemount	71		4.8	7.5
96	38	Richards	40	+2	5.8	
70	42	SEET	61	+5		
180	82	Sherwood Gp	84		4.5	13
180	137½	Shiloh	142	-1	3.1	4.7
145	98	Sirdar	100	+2	6.8	14.5
64	50	Stirling Gp	53		4.7	14.5
28	19	Stoneg & Fisher	20		8.3	13.7
69	40	UK Safety	40		8.3	18.8
132	105	Usher (Frank)	113	-1	7.2	8.8
65	34	Vtal	65		2.4	18.9
108	42	Wassen	107	-4	3.4	15.8
289	238	Yorklyde	243		2.2	11.2

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	63		8.9	12.9
777¼	618¾	All Nippon Air	697	+		
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	275	+4	2.4	21.4
541½	440	BAA	475	+6	2.5	18.5
130	103½	Badgerline	128		4.0	
496½	344	Br Airways	359	-1	4.8	8.7
79	27	Central Tran R	34	-1		
108	75	Clarkson (H)	94		2.3	23.5
179	140	Dart	152		3.3	14.7
592¾	195	Eurotunnel Uts	276	+3		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	455	-3	2.1	21.7
236	156	GRT Bus	226		2.1	17.2
183	113	Go-Ahead	183		2.1	20.3
209	125	Goode Durrant	190	+2	3.6	16.6
155	126½	Intl Sea Cont	129		4.9	18.6
71	35	Jacobs (J)	36		2.1	
111	77	Lon O'Seas Frht	78		6.2	18
534	368	Mersey Docks	393	+4	3.0	29.0
391	145	NFC	182		6.6	40.0
347	245	Natl Express	285		3.4	16.4
348	244	Ocean Group	275	+8	6.5	19.0
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	68		6.9	48.8
723	587	P & O Dfd	602	-2		16.8
209	153	P & O 5.5%	192		3.6	
102	86	Seacon	92	+1	2.4	
232	168	Stagecoach	227		2.4	23.4
131	85½	TNT	108	+4		
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	713		2.1	18.3
327	197	TDG	212	-1	5.6	14.2
138	98	Uglandt	127		3.3	
160	75	Utd Carriers	93	+1	2.2	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	486	-3	5.9	31.2
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	298		4.9	10.7
611	454	North West	524	+6	5.7	7.8
751	508	Northumbrian	722	-1	4.4	7.2
645	457	Severn Trent	514	+6	5.7	7.3
1850	1525	South Staffs	1845			
675	458	South West	518	+13	5.3	7.7
682	466	Southern	568	+4	5.9	8.1
611	434½	Thames	476		6.1	7.6
744	546	Welsh	623		5.7	6.9
379½	281	Wessex	285	+6	5.1	7.7
630	458	Yorkshire	486	+4	5.8	7.3

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BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
107	100	Treas 12% 1995	100 xd	+	11.93	5.69
103	97	Cas 3% 1990-95	98	+	3.04	6.01
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102 †		10.04	6.65
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	105		12.13	6.83
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	107 †	+	13.05	6.97
121	110	Treas 15¼% 1996	110		13.84	7.34
117	107	Exch 13¼% 1996	107	-	12.30	7.40
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103		9.64	7.86
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	110 †	+	12.04	7.97
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.01	8.02
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101		8.62	8.15
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	116		12.85	8.31
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103 †	+	9.40	8.38
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96		7.48	8.35
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95		7.07	8.34
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	116		12.06	8.49
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122	+	12.65	8.40
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	111	+	10.77	8.50
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	103 †		9.17	8.46
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	..	10.83	8.53
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107	+	9.78	8.49
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90	+	6.62	8.47
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	-	9.60	8.56
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	102	+	8.81	8.49
135	116	Treas 13% 2000	119 †	+	10.92	8.63
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	106	+	9.40	8.63
105	88	Treas 7% 2001	92	+	7.60	8.53
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	106	+	9.19	8.63
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	96	+	8.28	8.57
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	108	+	9.24	8.64
139	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112	+	10.18	8.77
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74	-	4.69	7.23
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	106	+	8.96	8.57
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	88	+	7.62	8.47
129	102	Conv 9½% 2005	106	+	8.92	8.59
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122	+	10.22	8.83
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	94	+	8.17	8.45
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	96	+	8.33	8.53
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116 xd	+	10.08	8.85
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	100 †	+	8.48	8.47
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129	+	10.46	8.84
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	104	+	8.83	8.46
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.32	8.45
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	105 †	+	8.56	8.41
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.54	8.40
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	-	7.32	8.16
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	96	+	8.27	8.35
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+	8.23	8.35
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	+	8.40	8.33
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	131		9.11	8.56
UNDATED						
54	39	War Ln 3½%	41	-	8.35	
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.48	
INDEX-LINKED						
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200		2.48	4.86
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	106		2.91	3.81
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	+	3.34	3.80
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+	3.46	3.82
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	+	3.48	3.82
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	169 †	+	3.54	3.81
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153	+	3.60	3.83
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	+	3.63	3.84
148	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	+	3.65	3.84
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	+	3.68	3.86
152	126	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	+	3.71	3.87
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110 xd	+	3.70	3.84
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108 †	+	3.73	3.88

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
0895 259 703				
Gtrdund Amer	156.60	165.10†	+ 1.10	0.34
Gtrdund Equity	207.20	241.70	+ 0.90	1.27
Gtrdund Euro	152.50	160.40	+ 0.30	0.57
Gtrdund Eqtf Bd	107.50	111.40	..	2.58
Gtrdund Gilt	72.42	74.65	– 0.05	5.54
Gtrdund Japan	178.50	180.50†	+ 0.70	....
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
0200 553 231				
General Acc	511.90	544.50	+ 7.20	2.04
General Inc	451.30	480.20	+ 6.30	2.04
UK Growth Acc	345.20	367.30	+ 4.70	2.52
UK Growth Inc	238.40	251.50	+ 3.30	2.52
Higher Inc Acc	633.40	686.20	+ 8.10	4.64
Higher Inc Inc	527.20	461.80	+ 5.30	4.64
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	181.60	191.70	..	6.05
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	86.27	93.24	..	6.05
Nth America	245.30	258.90†	+ 1.80	....
Far East	343.30	365.30	+ 2.20	0.07
Europe	257.40	273.80	+ 0.60	0.90
Intl Equity	69.13	72.48†	+ 1.83	3.15
Intl Fxdmkts Acc	94.51	104.80	+ 1.10	4.63
Intl Fxdmkts Inc	72.24	78.85	+ 0.77	4.63
Global Opps	79.83	84.80†	+ 0.54	0.38
Balanced Acc	92.27	98.61	+ 0.63	2.65
Balanced Inc	91.34	94.92	+ 0.52	2.65
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	136.20	134.00†	– 0.10	7.65
High Inc Equity	155.50	166.70	+ 3.60	4.72
Worldwide Bond	257.40	273.10†	+ 0.30	5.66
Capital Growth				
American Growth	272.70	291.70	+ 1.60	.78
Asian Pacific	343.16	333.10	+ 1.40	....
Assets & Earnings	249.20	265.10†	+ 4.90	2.60
Currency & Energy	106.90	115.90	+ 1.40	.04
Euro Capital Inc	126.30	135.10	+ 0.70	.72
(Accum Units)	134.90	144.20	+ 0.80	.72
General	215.10	228.80	+ 5.10	2.38
Japan	155.20	133.20	+ 0.70	....
Manufactured	135.80	145.30	+ 1.20	1.69
UK Growth Dist	113.10	121.00	+ 0.50	2.41
US Emerging Cos	127.10	135.90	+ 0.20	....
Income & Growth	306.20	266.60†	+ 0.30	3.21
Mineral	84.30	88.60	+ 0.80	3.05
International	113.50	120.70	+ 0.50	.95
Dividend & Growth	58.68	62.43	+ 1.21	4.59
Global Gwth & Inc	66.87	70.43	+ 0.31	2.67
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.09	£16.74	..	..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 388				
Amer Inc & Growth	42.14	43.75	+ 0.31	0.71
Cash	50.10	50.10†	+ 0.01	4.49
Dimension	104.30	109.40	+ 0.70	....
Emerging	946.80	118.17	+ 2.59	1.82
Extra Income #	47.65	50.13†	+ 0.35	6.05
Far East Emg Eco	109.80	116.70	+ 0.60	0.54
Fixed Interest #	22.66	23.19†	+ 0.13	6.92
Fixed Int Tst	170.00	178.00	+ 1.00	6.54
Japan	180.69	189.16	+ 1.00	....
Latin American	70.25	73.75	– 0.14	0.55
Pacific	70.21	73.80	+ 0.40	0.36
Property Shares	60.73	63.22	+ 0.23	3.16
Uk Emerging Cos	60.83	63.85	+ 0.10	1.94
UK Growth	42.40	45.80	+ 0.48	2.60
Abtr World Port #	69.71	71.02†	+ 0.75	2.31
Ethical	58.92	61.53†	+ 0.42	2.86
Aberdeen Gth Inc #	48.73	48.73†	+ 0.02	7.78
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 549 2232				
British Growth	68.52	70.75†	+ 1.40	2.72
British Income	76.36	81.23†	+ 1.93	3.44
Select Portfolio	81.29	86.48†	+ 0.15	....
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
0452 385 858				
Acmby Income	72.84	76.44	+ 0.48	2.86
Income Builder Inc	66.26	69.43†	+ 0.70	3.05
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	217.80	232.20	+ 1.50	3.36
Capital	382.00	408.30	+ 2.80	2.69
Balanced	644.80	689.00†	+ 3.70	2.69
Accumulator	511.81	512.62	+10.00	3.21
Anchorage Trusts				
American Income	45.48	48.61	+ 0.10	3.66
High Income	370.50	396.00	+ 2.40	3.50
Equity Income	212.70	227.30	+ 1.30	3.86
High Yield	227.10	242.70	+ 1.50	3.56
Gold Securities	32.50	34.39†	+ 0.02	0.16
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	133.40	142.60	+ 0.60	0.49
European Growth	32.48	34.67	– 0.01	0.01
International	153.90	164.50	+ 0.90	0.50
Japan	205.30	219.50†	+ 1.40	0.01
Pacific	366.50	413.70†	+ 2.10	0.01
Secs of America	394.00	419.20†	+ 1.20	0.55
Worldw Asset Val	45.75	48.90	+ 0.30	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	488.40	522.70†	+ 3.70	2.44
Conv & Gilt	41.66	44.53	+ 0.32	5.21
Smaller Cos	159.40	170.30	+ 0.30	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	151.30	161.60	+ 0.20	1.59
Recovery	138.20	157.00	+ 0.60	1.91
Mat Mkt & Cstly	145.00	155.00	+ 1.60	0.77
Comm Earnings	326.00	348.40†	+ 2.00	1.93
Technology	155.05	165.85	+ 1.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	421.40	450.40	+ 2.60	1.82
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0293 536 911				
Cntrld Dist Fees	93.06	96.68	..	1.45
Footsie Prod Fees	59.53	61.84	....	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 606 0833				
Capital	67.45	71.75	+ 0.76	1.84
International	60.75	64.63	....	....
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
031 222 4242				
Americas	268.90	279.30	+ 1.70	....
Bond	110.00	115.00	....	7.19
Brit Smlr Cos	94.47	100.50	+ 0.20	1.50
Cont'l & Gen #	63.60	67.68	+ 0.35	5.54
Energy				
Europe	268.90	222.40	– 0.30	0.52
Euro Smlr Cos	95.31	101.80	– 0.38	0.63
Income Gwth	325.40	350.50	+ 4.40	4.52
Japan	317.40	337.10	+ 0.80	....
Pacific	160.70	167.10	+ 1.00	0.74
UK Smlr Cos	49.87	53.05	+ 0.01	1.59
Ptg in Fd	714.50	735.00	+ 1.30	....
Mangd Fd	185.90	176.40	+ 1.50	2.97
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
071 499 8673				
Bal & Divers	264.80	278.80	....	1.32
Emrgd Econ	102.70	108.10	....	2.49
Wrldwd Opps	171.70	180.70	....	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
081 594 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	325.80	339.40	+ 7.90	3.05
European Bd Inc	86.43	91.53	+ 0.06	7.81
Exempt	68.70	74.34	+ 1.53	4.42
Financial	69.25	74.06†	+ 1.38	2.66
GUMS	421.40	450.70	+ 3.0	2.52
General	259.70	277.80	+ 6.30	2.69
Property	245.30	262.40†	....	6.31
Trustee	169.80	181.50†	+ 0.90	2.65
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	108.80	100.60	+ 0.10	4.98
Extra Income	110.80	118.50	+ 2.20	4.27
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.55	57.72†	+ 0.05	9.58
Income	560.00	534.80	+10.40	4.19
Income Builder	69.55	74.41	+ 1.06	4.53
Intl Income	59.49	63.25†	– 0.73	3.72
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.30	119.70	+ 2.90	2.56
Leisure	118.30	124.50	+ 2.10	1.36
Recovery	391.30	418.40	+ 7.70	2.75
Smlr Cos Inc	41.03	44.00	+ 0.06	2.11
Special Sits	364.80	393.20	+ 5.40	1.88
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	119.80	126.90†	+ 1.0	0.73
Asst Acc	242.00	257.40	+ 1.70	2.15
Asst Inc	150.40	160.60†	+ 1.0	2.15
Euro Gwth Inc	141.60	150.20	+ 0.50	0.85
(Accum Units)	151.50	160.70	+ 0.50	0.85
Japan & Gen Inc	175.80	186.20	+ 0.80	....
(Accum Units)	177.70	188.30	+ 0.80	....
Japan Spec Sits	89.59	95.37	+ 0.28	....
Unlv Tech Inc	75.50	80.23	+ 0.21	0.20
Worldwide	162.00	172.00	+ 1.70	0.74
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
081 658 9002				
American Growth	89.45	94.88	+ 0.32	....
Amer Smlr Cos	122.40	131.20	+ 1.10	....
Convertibles	53.14	56.60†	+ 0.33	5.70
Eastern	261.80	282.40	+ 1.90	0.16
Equity Income	84.86	90.27	+ 0.75	4.50
European Growth	270.50	295.80	+ 1.40	1.60
Europe	264.00	277.10†	+ 1.50	0.80
General Growth	89.25	95.04	+ 0.36	4.00
Global Bond	61.66	64.89	+ 0.05	8.40
Global Growth	120.10	128.50	+ 0.60	....
Japan Growth	169.60	213.00	+ 0.40	....
Japan Smaller	173.00	184.10	+ 0.60	....
Korea Trust	89.01	95.48	+ 0.85	....
Portfolio	125.50	134.30	+ 0.50	1.80
(Accum Units)	239.50	244.90	+ 1.70	1.80
UK Growth	79.47	84.54	+ 1.00	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	81.82	87.29	+ 0.26	1.80
Select Managers	76.86	75.86	+ 0.55	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3000				
Intl Cash Plus Inc	72.63	28.22	....	....
Special Opps Inc	93.83	97.27	....	....
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGMT LTD				
021 236 6441				
Special Sits	161.20	172.40	+ 0.10	1.83
Dividend	82.62	88.36	+ 1.88	3.60
Int Gth & Inc	204.10	218.30	+ 3.80	3.31
UK & Gen	42.36	45.30	+ 0.71	1.94
Fund of Funds	60.90	65.13	+ 0.01	....
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 223 0020				
Balanced Growth	99.53	105.83	+ 2.18	1.78
(Accum Units)	111.85	118.40	+ 2.45	1.78
Smaller Cos	95.13	100.67†	+ 0.78	1.39
Higher Yield #	42.66	45.14	+ 0.80	4.83
American Gth Inc	88.44	72.43	+ 0.85	....
European Growth	126.40	133.75	+ 0.17	0.05
(Accum Units)	126.60	134.00	+ 0.17	0.05
Global Growth Inc #	25.90	27.35†	+ 0.02	6.55
Mngd Philo Inc	39.81	42.12	+ 0.35	1.83
(Accum Units)	40.36	42.71	+ 0.35	1.83
Int Spec Opps	108.97	115.32	+ 0.80	0.44
Pacific Basin	123.62	130.78	+ 0.92	....
Formerly LAS				
Uk General #	70.63	74.74†	+ 1.08	3.54
(Accum Units) #	72.37	76.60	+ 1.70	3.54
Japan	93.02	98.47	+ 0.57	....
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.24	95.14†	– 0.05	7.31
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	84.48	85.32	– 0.02	5.31
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5060				
Envicon	144.30	153.60†	+ 1.40	1.78
UK Growth	157.50	167.60	+ 4.00	2.41
UK Income	126.30	134.40	+ 2.40	4.62
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0707 651 122				
Can Gro Dist	177.50	188.10	+ 1.88	2.11
-do- Income Dist	163.40	109.60	+ 0.70	4.56
(Accum Units)	212.90	280.50	+ 2.90	4.55
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.41	41.78	– 0.02	6.51
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
081 208 5885 Enq: 081 208 5885 Dlg: 081 208 5862				
American & Gen	142.90	152.10	+ 1.20	....
European Inc	73.40	77.71	+ 0.23	0.43
Smaller Cos (4-1)	75.71	80.56	+ 0.03	2.00
Growth	398.70	421.40	+ 2.40	2.39
Income & Growth	385.80	410.50	+ 7.50	4.94
(Accum Units)	542.80	576.70	+10.50	4.94
Japan & Gen	72.00	76.44	+ 0.27	....
Master Portfolio	£98.62	£102.59†	+£2.00	1.99
Special Sits	£117.48	£122.08	+£4.00	1.99
(Accum Units)	91.96	97.83	+ 1.80	2.32
Special Sits	£12.52	£12.71†	+£0.00	4.59
High Yield				

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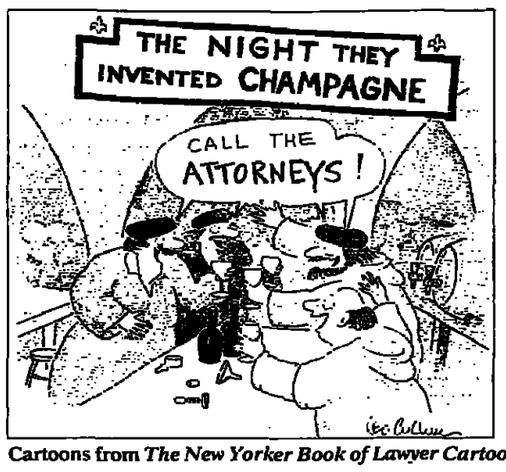
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CATENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0706				
Catenove Portfolio	79.46	84.50	....	2.31
American Portfolio	84.60	90.00†	....	1.22
European Portfolio	89.11	94.85	....	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	64.98	69.09	+ 0.20	....
Pacific Portfolio	137.41	147.70†	+ 1.80	0.69
UK Inc & Growth	71.96	77.19	....	3.58
Utility & Bond	53.85	54.47	....	7.97
CENT BD OF FRI OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inc Fund	644.05	651.35	....	4.74
Fxd In Sec	149.35	148.40	....	9.77
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 352 5000				
UK General Tst	82.18	88.14	+ 0.78	3.03
CHF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	636.66	643.24	....	4.74
Accum	825.69	837.18	....	9.59
Inc (Accum Units)	1280.70	1290.65	....	....
	1685.76	1695.17	....	....
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 857 7997				
Intl Growth	117.20	127.95†	....	....
UK Income	101.36	110.67†	....	9.431
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5959				
Beckman Intl	72.83	77.30	....	1.57
Smlr Bio-Tech	22.68	25.19†	....	....
Accio Ethical Tst	144.68	152.30†	....	1.06
City Fin Americ	66.36	70.53	+ 1.36	1.29
City Fin Americn	78.75	82.89	....	....
City Fin Intl	72.38	76.19†	....	0.95
City Fin Japan	163.78	172.39	....	....
Fitns Inv Cap	269.42	281.37	+ 0.01	1.55
Infors Hse Inc	167.05	176.00†	+ 1.88	4.15
Rockley Wald Gth	128.25	134.31	....	0.09
Rollscot Cap Gth	131.08	139.48†	....	....
Rollscot Intl	145.25	152.91†	....	4.46
City Fin Pfds Inc	58.63	53.86†	....	....
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 3000				
Emerging Markets	56.70	60.16	+ 0.39	....
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 1273 393				
American Gwth	52.19	55.82	+ 0.32	....
Asia Mngd Gwth	34.41	36.80	+ 0.18	0.99
Dragon Growth	68.20	70.80	+ 0.67	0.42
Equity High Inc	78.01	82.97	+ 1.09	4.11
(Accum Units)	104.89	111.59	+ 1.47	4.11
European Gwth	47.75	50.80	+ 0.23	0.83
Evergreen	26.66	28.76	+ 0.15	....
General Equity	76.76	83.57	+ 1.07	2.69
Gwth & Fxd Int Inc	34.15	35.40	+ 0.02	6.37
Japan Growth	51.12	54.92	+ 0.42	....
Pacific Basin Gwth	47.66	50.72	+ 0.47	2.77
Pref Snr Cos Inc	28.84	30.79	+ 0.10	1.25
Property Shares	28.87	31.99	+ 0.11	1.25
Retirement Inc #	24.75	26.33	+ 0.37	5.99
Special Sits	36.73	38.21	+ 0.25	2.00
UK & Overseas	45.73	48.65	+ 0.29	1.30
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0534 888 000				
Capital	63.25	67.54	+ 0.02	2.35
Income	57.21	61.16	+ 0.80	4.32
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPI FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	148.17	158.69	+ 1.67	5.65
Fixed & Convertible	38.81	41.07	+ 0.17	7.58
Monthly Inc Plus	47.44	50.47	+ 0.14	6.88
Preference Share	45.59	48.88	+ 0.14	7.58
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.04	127.70	+ 3.81	7.36
Managed Fund	64.53	68.65	+ 0.52	3.07
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.95	39.30	– 0.01	1.73
(Accum Units)	42.27	44.97	– 0.02	1.73
UK & General	73.07	78.69	+ 1.06	2.82
(Accum Units)	92.57	98.48	+ 1.31	2.82
UK Growth	131.35	139.73	+ 1.87	2.44
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	179.90	191.38	+ 0.65	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	125.97	134.01	+ 1.02	....
Global Bond	74.89	79.59	+ 0.18	6.36
Japan Growth	120.86	128.56	+ 0.86	....
North Amer Gth	154.09	163.93	+ 1.52	....
Oriental Growth	74.02	78.74	+ 0.73	....
Worldwide Growth	61.46	65.40	+ 0.53	0.06
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.29	92.29	+ 0.08	5.39
Homeowner Fund	73.62	78.32	+ 0.71	1.93
Cntlsr Fund	121.36	129.13	+ 1.60	3.03
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.62	58.10	....	3.10
(Accum Units)	58.41	62.13	....	3.10
High Income	31.75	33.77	....	4.88
Japan	35.67	37.94	....	....
Smaller Cos Inc	28.81	30.64†	....	2.60
Smaller Cos	30.51	32.45	....	2.60
North American	30.59	32.54	....	0.50
European	34.94	37.17	....	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5868				
Consistent UT	29.27	31.40	....	3.44
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 626 956				
Growth	132.30	140.80†	+ 0.48	2.21
Income	88.01	72.36	+ 0.30	5.17
European	57.86	61.54†	+ 0.20	1.14
Recovery	142.90	152.10	+ 1.10	2.36
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 288 9494				
Equity Dist	758.08	768.68†	....	3.80
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 696 370				
Fellowship Tst	67.37	71.67	+ 0.78	1.37
Income #	223.60	237.80	+ 2.70	4.90
(Accum Units) #	530.70	595.80	+ 6.70	5.08
Smaller Cos	145.50	154.70	– 0.10	0.87
(Accum Units)	177.70	189.00	– 0.29	0.87
Special Sits	163.06	97.43	+ 0.55	2.66
High Inc Port #	85.32	88.48	+ 1.05	5.10
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0777				
Euro Small Cos	£14.56	£14.95†	....	....
Japan Small Cos	£11.91	£12.14†	....	....
UK Small Cos	£16.80	£17.56	....	....
US Small Cos	£14.74	£15.10†	....	....
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 9819				
Disc Inc	192.70	202.90†	....	2.87
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2500				
European Gwth	257.00	271.70	+ 0.90	1.03
New Asia	203.70	216.90	+ 0.80	0.16
Japan Growth	118.80	126.50	+ 0.60	....
Jap Smlr Co	486.10	518.90	+ 1.90	....
Nth Amer	238.70	253.00	+ 1.60	0.94
Shtfnd Amb Pac Mt	113.00	119.60	+ 0.40	0.38
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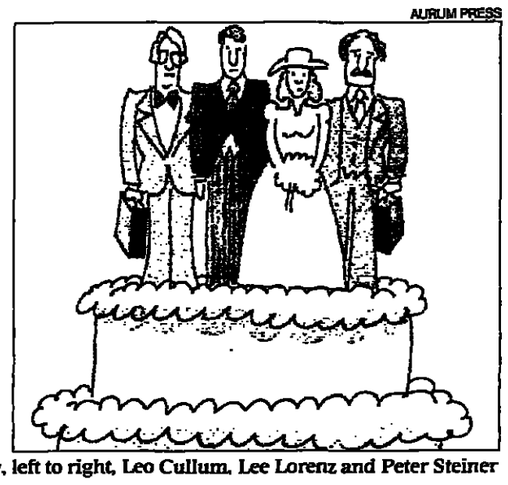
● LAW NEXT WEEK: A CRAZY YEAR IN THE COURTS

David Pannick, QC, looks at cartoons on the pomposity of the legal profession

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Cartoons from *The New Yorker Book of Lawyer Cartoons* — an ideal Christmas gift — by, left to right, Leo Cullum, Lee Lorenz and Peter Steiner

Jokes of the court jesters

Lawyers spend much of their time dealing with the less attractive characteristics of mankind. They make pleas in mitigation for the wicked, advance the interests of the greedy and counsel those whose conduct is wholly unreasonable or downright ridiculous. To maintain their mental health, solicitors and barristers need a sense of humour, especially at the end of a long legal term.

Members of the profession looking for some light relief to entertain them over the vacation, anyone searching for a Christmas present suitable for the lawyer who has everything else and lay people who want to have their prejudices about lawyers confirmed with wit and style, will welcome the publication of *The New Yorker Book of Lawyer Cartoons* (Aurum Press, £9.99).

The cartoon is not a sophisticated or a subtle medium of communication. To capture attention, it must make its point bluntly and loudly. Cartoonists are not subject to a judicial-review application if they fail to comply with the basic principles of fairness. The success of a cartoon depends on the ability of the artist and caption-writer to identify and then traduce a characteristic or attitude sufficiently universal to prompt an immediate and knowing response in the audience. To do this, and make the reader laugh, requires real understanding of the subject of the assault.

Because of perceived pomposity, high fees and curious working practices, lawyers make an excellent subject for insulting cartoons. The *New Yorker* volume demonstrates, as if there were any doubt about it, that the vices which are associated with the legal profession are similar on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

The cartoons fall into three main categories. First, there are drawings that focus on the inability of the lawyer to resolve the client's problems... Counsel confides to the anxious defendant waiting for sentence to be passed: "I've just about resigned myself to your getting 20 years"; and, as a convicted client is led away in handcuffs to begin his prison sentence, his lawyer tells him: "Come now, Mr Hillman, *everybody* can't have a happy ending."



Second, there are cartoons that mock the eagerness of lawyers to expand their business empire. A concert pianist is introduced to the audience: "Won't you please welcome Edwin Nells — accompanied, as always, by his attorney." Then there is a four-man bobsleigh team speeding through the snow and the ice with an additional member, a lawyer dressed in a suit and holding a briefcase, who tells them: "Look, I'm not saying it's going to be today. But some day — some day — you guys will be happy that you've taken along a lawyer."

The third category consists of cartoons that puncture the conventions and the pretensions of advocacy. A lawyer addresses the inattentive members of the jury. "Hey, you two, pay attention please! I happen to be trying to sway you!"; another advocate begins his speech: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, say hi to my client"; and a judge tells two lawyers who, for no apparent reason, appear before him dressed in bunny-rabbit costumes: "Before we go on, could I speak to opposing counsel in my chambers?"

Those who find some of these cartoons so absurd as to be far removed from reality should recall the nature of the American legal system that is being portrayed.

Earlier this year, the *New Yorker* published an article by Fredric Dannen, *Defending the Mafia*, which contained a larger number of near-incredible lawyers and clients than this book of cartoons. One of the attorneys skilled in the defence of those accused of Mafia crimes was well known for his tactic of "slamming the indictment into a wastebasket" in front of the jury. A judge indicated that he was less than impressed by the histrionic performance of another advocate by stating: "The record shall reflect that Mr Cutler threw Exhibit W."

John Gotti, the Mafia chief, was bugged by the FBI in 1990, talking about his legal representatives in less than flattering terms: "You know, these are rats. And I gotta say, they all want their money up front."

A joke is a joke, especially in a legal system where a judge of the United States Supreme Court can write to Dave Barry, a syndicated humorous columnist, about *Beano*, a product which, according to the manufacturers, "prevents the gas from beans". But it is troubling, even to insensitive lawyers, that none of the cartoons in the *New Yorker* collection presents the legal profession in an attractive light.

The lawyers in the cartoons are, all of them, greedy, vain and stupid, having no knowledge of the law, no judgment and no social skills. They perform no useful service for their clients and they are a drain on the community. All of the lay people who appear in the cartoons know full well that the lawyers are parasites who do real harm to those with whom they come into contact. And yet the legal profession continues to prosper.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Innovative ways to promote equality

AS THE Christmas cards land on the mat, thousands of young people are hoping instead for a more official-looking envelope. They are would-be solicitors hunting for traineeships (formerly known as *articles*). The search has reached crisis point.



In place: Michael Morris and Deeba Mian

Last week, the Law Society council was told that almost 10,000 students are seeking a place in a law firm. More alarming, at least 4,000 have already graduated, done their Law Society finals course and could start work now. John Young, the society's deputy president, describes the figures as "frightening".

These graduates are the victims of the recession, which has cut the numbers of trainee places when law is still one of the most popular vocations. But among them is a group even harder hit; those students from ethnic minorities. A recent survey by the Policy Studies Institute found that such students faced direct discrimination in obtaining training contracts.



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Last week, Law Society council members received an update from the working party set up to take action. Further research has confirmed the original findings: it shows students had made an average of 51 applications to obtain an offer. Those who had received multiple offers were more likely to have had a private education, been to Oxbridge and taken a degree in a subject other than law. They were half as likely to have come from an ethnic minority.

The research also found ethnic minority students tended to have lower A levels, were less likely to have been educated privately or at Oxbridge and had lower degree class marks. But they did as well on the Law Society finals (now legal practice) course.

However, the research found that: "The average white candidate has a 70 per cent chance of finding a training contract, compared with a 47 per cent chance for an ethnic minority candidate."

Against these findings, the first Equal Opportunities Award was announced at the same council meeting. The award, jointly sponsored by the Law Society and *The Times*, was presented to Liverpool Law Society and to a voluntary organisation, Access to Law, which encourages ethnic minority people to work in law firms.

Twelve students were placed for four weeks in law firms or with solicitors in local government, in a scheme praised by Kamlesh Bahl, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, as "innovative and excellent". She, with Charles Elly, president of the Law Society, and Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, were the judges.

One law student, Deeba Mian, worked for Hill Dickinson Davis Campbell doing shipping work. "It was very useful — I don't think I would have got a placement if it hadn't been for the scheme. But I did learn that this area of law is male-dominated and perhaps I might prefer matrimonial or children's work." Another law student, Michael Morris, worked in the legal department of Liverpool City Council. "I basically shadowed the solicitors, did everything they did, research work, committee meetings and going into court. It was very useful. Next year I'll be trying to get a placement off my own bat."

Mr Elly said the number of entries had been "disappointingly low"; equal opportunities practices are clearly still in their infancy. But there are some encouraging signs: Bristol Racial Equality Council last week published a report with Bristol Law Society which found that of 19 Bristol law firms, 15 had equal-opportunity policies, most adopted in the past year in the wake of the Law Society's anti-discrimination proposals. The draft of the society's new rule requiring all firms to have an equal opportunities policy is still awaiting approval from the Lord Chancellor and senior judges. The rule would also bring in targets for employing trainee solicitors and employing ethnic minority solicitors.

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A brush with naked genius

VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** admires Lucian Freud's latest nudes, set among the Old Masters at Dulwich Gallery



Lucian Freud with his *Benefit Supervisor Resting*, flanked by Rubens's *Venus, Mars and Cupid* and Lely's *Nymphs by a Fountain*

Given the chance to display their work among the Old Masters, many contemporary painters would end up as alien presences. But Lucian Freud has always seemed at home with the past. In terms of language, a strong continuity links his canvases with the images produced by Rembrandt, Hals, Constable and Degas.

They were the artists who dominated his selection, seven years ago, of paintings from the National Gallery. On that occasion he included his own work with reluctance. Now, however, Freud has decided to confront the European tradition in a more full-blooded way. His new exhibition at Dulwich centres on recently finished, monumental nudes. They openly compete with the 17th-century Flemish paintings in the rest of the room, and the tension between them is enthralling.

Even before we enter this highly charged arena, our eyes are challenged by a startling juxtaposition. Through one of the elegant archways a naked woman can be seen sprawling on a sofa. Like so many of Freud's female sitters, she is brazenly overweight. But the painting hung above her, Lely's *Nymphs by a Fountain*, stakes everything on the svelte, inviting shapeliness of the figures it contains.

Although they are asleep, Lely ensures that their bodies appear ready to be awoken by an admirer's touch. Breasts, buttocks and hips beckon in a frankly lubricious manner. The mythological subject is little more than an excuse to indulge in a rush of Restoration lust. This is an image which treats women as appetising morsels for the male viewer to devour at will.

Freud's painting, by contrast, refuses to titillate. His sitter, identified only as a *Benefit Supervisor Resting*, could hardly be more opposed to the languor of Lely's comely nymphs. Wedged into a sofa buckling under her weight, she tilts her head. The angle is neck-stiffening. She appears to be suffering from acute fatigue, induced either by her job or the ordeal of posing for such a demanding artist.

Since her face turns away from us, Freud forces all our attention on her body alone. Its sheer bulk is presented without compromise. Slack folds of pale fat hang down from her sides, distorting the shape of her left breast and swelling into a gargantuan heap where the stomach comes to rest on her upturned thighs. Unlike Lely's nudes, whose willowy legs undulate as they stretch out lazily on the soft grass, Freud's woman remains stiff and cramped. We find ourselves staring at the top of her left knee, bloodless and shiny as it juts out from the sofa's confining boundaries.

She is a woman burdened by bodily excesses. We sense the oppressive effort involved even in the slightest movement she might want to make. But we marvel, too, at the dexterity of Freud's brushmarks. They define every bulge and cleft in the mountainous form, conveying its fleshy substance with consummate understanding.

Now in his seventies, Freud is painting better than ever. The fervency of his engagement with the benefit supervisor is prodigious. Just how far Freud departs from precedent can be grasped by comparing his picture with the late, full-length Rubens on the same wall. *Venus, Mars and Cupid* occupies the central position, as a tribute to the autograph qualities revealed by recent cleaning.

Old retouching had obscured the sensuality of Venus's gesture, as she squirts milk from her breast towards Cupid's parted lips. Now her entire body has been restored to its original amplitude. The fleshiness of this Venus, rendered with such uninhibited conviction, is an essential part of the picture's meaning. Rubens presents her as an embodiment of goodness. Her plump body exudes restorative power, and compared with the benefit supervisor she does not look corpulent at all.

So Freud is dramatically extending the limits governing portrayal of the female nude in art. He demands that we accept the right of women like the supervisor to be studied with as much care, and on as grand a scale, as more conventionally proportioned bodies.

If anything, *Leigh under the Skylight* is more impressive still. Unlike the slumped supervisor, who seems helplessly embedded in the sofa and hides her face, this towering male nude stands tall on a table-top. At first, he seems aloof and masterful. Leigh Bowery, who has posed for a number of Freud's most memorable recent paintings, appears to be a towering presence. He resembles a colossus, and the fact that his shaven head nearly reaches the skylight reinforces his authority. He makes no attempt to hide his prominent genitals, and the table's plinth-like role accentuates his statuesque stillness.

The more we gaze at this formidable figure, though, the less tough he becomes. For Leigh Bowery departs just as much from the norm as the benefit supervisor. The initial impression of rampant masculinity gives way to a more complex alternative. We notice how his legs are crossed in a surprisingly delicate way, more like a ballet dancer than a redoubtable hero. Looking across at the Rubens, we realise how his stance is echoed by Venus's legs. And this unexpected correspondence prompts us to see a more general kinship between Rubens's woman and Freud's man.

Despite his air of dominance, Leigh Bowery has a puffiness far removed from macho musculature. His breasts are almost as plump as Venus's, and his distended belly has a child-bearing ripeness. Moreover, he stares down from his unlikely eminence with an anxious expression. The colossus suddenly seems to be undermined by a tremor of inner disquiet.

Far from emphasising his strength, the decision to adopt such a lofty pose ends up making him look vulnerable. Freud has always been keenly aware of human isolation, and Bowery's proximity to the sky seals him off in an uneasy world of his own.

So the phallic giant turns out to be womanly as well, and his robust assertiveness is countered by fragility. That is why Freud emerges so well from the audacious decision to hang his work at Dulwich. Lesser artists would have been diminished, even humiliated, by the company he keeps here. But Freud fits in without strain. He passes the test in awesome style.

Not that he apes the language of the past. Pastiche plays no part in his pictures: they are absolutely, and unsettlingly, of our time. Freud's roots run deep, however. To adopt a metaphor which his grandfather Sigmund might have approved, the Old Masters nourish him as bountifully as the milk spurting from Venus's nipple into Cupid's eager mouth.

● *Lucian Freud is at the Dulwich Picture Gallery (081-693 5254) until Jan 22 (closed Dec 24-27, Dec 31 and Jan 1-2)*

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AROUND THE GALLERIES

THIS mini-retrospective reminds one how long it has been since there was a decent representative show of Josef Herman's work: not since his 70th birthday celebrations, and he is now 84. The immediate impression is of familiarity. The wonderfully direct, expressive wash drawings of Welsh miners and French and Spanish peasants take us back to the great days of the 1940s and 1950s, when Herman first made his own individual mark. But that is not all. Look more closely and you'll find some brilliantly tense, taut studies of the theatre: ballet à la Herman. King Lear in his madness curling up like a lost child. And Herman is still working away: the studies of conventionalised trees and birds from the past four years are different from anything he has done before, yet immediately recognisable as his.

Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (071-624 1126) Wed-Sat 11am-6pm, until Jan 29. Closed Dec 25-Jan 8

☐ EDOUARD Vuillard (1868-1940) seems seldom to have been without a sketchbook in his hand, except when, latterly, it was holding a camera. He moved mostly in a very restricted world, comprising his own house and garden, the interiors of friends' houses, and, early on, the Paris theatre. The drawings in the current show at JPL Fine Arts extract an amazing diversity of effect from such homely subjects as Vuillard's mother doing her household tasks, the fireplace in his studio, single figures on stage, or trees in the park outside his windows.

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☐ AS all cat-lovers will know, Louis Wain was the man who made a career out of drawing and painting anthropomorphic cats in a fashion usually cute but sometimes menacing. When he went mad he painted wilder and weirder felines, and his more electric later images are much valued. This year he is supplemented in "Cats of Fame and Promise" by other eminent cat-lovers such as Orovida Pissarro and Richard Bawden.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ELIZABETH CONNELL: The Wigmore's seasonal festivities continue with a recital from this distinguished soprano who specialises in a broad repertoire. Her "game for anything" style includes tonight's world premiere of a work from Wendy Hiscocks. Tomorrow's "Christmas Classics" from the Guildhall String Ensemble makes a fitting end to the pre-Christmas events. **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm.

PETER PAN - THE BRITISH MUSICAL: Opening night for Ron Moody and Nicola Stapleton in a version written, composed and directed by Piers Chater-Robinson. Flying sequences and all the proper stuff, as always, the musical will benefit the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. **Cambridge**, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5080). Tonight, 7pm. Dec 24, 2.30pm only; no perf Dec 26 or 27. Dec 28-31, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Until Jan 21.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Rossini's overture from *Cenerentola* opens tonight's concert, followed by works from Bizet, Chappell, Tchaikovsky, Haydn and a rousing Russian finish with Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances* from *Prince Igor* (not forgetting the carols). Owain Arwel Hughes conducts. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

THE PAT HOBBY STORIES. Opening night for Scott Fitzgerald's yarns about a seedy Hollywood hack — enjoyably told by the American actor Paul Birchard, using many voices and some atmospheric music. **Riverside Studio 3**, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2255). Tonight 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. No perf Dec 26 and 27, Jan 2.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Gilbert Varga conducts the last formal **CBSO** concert of the year tonight, with a programme of Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1, Haydn's Symphony No 1 in D and Kodály's Suite, Háry János. The orchestra then shows its light-hearted side with three audience participation Christmas concerts. Simon Halsey conducts, with the CBSO Chorus. **Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm.

BOURNEMOUTH: Ron Goodwin conducts the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** for another of his jolly Christmas extravaganzas. **Winter Gardens**, (0202 297297). Tonight, 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: The week's seasonal programmes include excerpts from a work not often heard this year, Rimsky-Korsakov's *Christmas Eve* Suite, on offer tonight from the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra**. Donald Runnicles conducts the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** on Thursday for a "three course" Christmas party and Moira Anderson joins in for "The Spirit of Christmas" on Friday. **Royal Concert Hall**, Buchanan Street (041-227 5511). Tonight and Fri, 7.30pm; Thurs, 7pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections; Pre-Raphaelite Drawings (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward:** The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** The Sitwells (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy:** The Painted Page (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine:** Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) ... **Tate:** Whistler; Clore Gallery (071-887 8000) ... **V & A:** Kalighat: Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930; Streetstyle; (071-938 8500) ... **Whitechapel:** Worlds in a Box (071-522 7888)

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◩ **THE BOAT PLAYS:** Sumptuously staged moralities by Gil Vicente, 16th-century Portuguese playwright; the newly dead board vessels bound for Hell, Purgatory or (for a few) Heaven. **Gate**, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. No perf Dec 25-Jan 3.

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE:** Nigel Hawthorne amusing as the dilapidated Lord Ogleby but his direction prettifies and diminishes the play. Some clever supporting performances. **Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sats and Dec 21 and 28, 2.30pm; Dec 29, 3pm. No perf Dec 24, 26.

□ **FASCINATING AIDA:** The girls are back with an evening of glamour, quick wits and sharp tongues. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm. No perf Dec 26, Jan 2.

◩ **GRIMM TALES:** Tim Supple's superb staging of these really bloodthirsty fables. An amazing evening. Unforgettable. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, at different times. No perf Dec 24, 26, until Jan 21.

□ **LEAVE TAKING:** Touring production of Winsome Pinnock's 1987 play comes here for 16 performances. A West Indian woman and her adored daughters consult an obeah woman to cleanse their obsession with the past. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm, mat Dec 21, 2.30pm.

□ **NEW ENGLAND:** Richard Nelson looks at the English abroad, behaving just as Americans say we do. *Interesting ideas and good acting led by* Angela Thorne, David Burke and Mick Ford.

Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Dec 29, 7.15pm, mats Dec 22, 29, 2pm. Again from Jan 4.

■ **OLIVER!:** Lavish revival of Bart's *merry musical. Low on social comment,* big on tunes. Jonathan Pryce as Fagin. **Palladium**, Argyll St, W1 (071-494 5020). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. No perf Dec 24, 26. Extra mats Dec 23, 29, 2.30pm.

◩ **THE RIVALS:** Richard Cottrell's likeable production from Chichester, with Patricia Routledge's splendidly wild Mrs Malaprop like a lace-encrusted windmill. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. Until Jan 14.

◩ **SLAVS!:** Tony Kushner's densely packed serious comedy about the collapse of Communism. A strong cast find some passion in it but the struggle is hard, comrades. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. No perf Dec 24, 26.

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits petrify into grim old age. Superb performances in Albee's drama. **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. No perf Dec 24-26.

■ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA:** Tom Hollander sings Macheath in Kurt Weill's opera. Words by the team of writers customarily known as 'Bertolt Brecht'. Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Dec 24, 3pm only.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ... □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◩ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) ... ◩ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **Neville's Island:** Apollo (071-494 5070) ... □ **On Approval:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... □ **Once on This Island:** Island (Royalty), (071-494 5090) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie:** Strand (071-930 8800) ... □ **The Queen and I:** Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ... □ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (071-836 8888) ... □ **The Sisters Rosensweig:** Old Vic (071-928 7616) ... ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CHASING THE DEER (PG): Cardboard drama about the Jacobite rebellion. With Brian Blessed, Jake D'Arcy, Iain Cuthbertson; director, Graham Holloway. **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

GEORGE BALANCHINE'S THE NUTCRACKER (U): The New York City Ballet's famous production, reverently transferred to film with Macaulay Culkin as the Nutcracker Prince. Director Emile Ardolino. **MGMs: Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Rd** (071-636 6148)

◆ **THE NEVERENDING STORY III** (U): Unappealing fantasy with Jason James Richter and a menagerie of dragons, gnomes and talking rocks from Jim Henson's Creature Shop. Director, Peter Macdonald. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

ONLY THE STRONG (15): Soldier saves his old high school from drugs. Dull martial arts potboiler, with Mark Dacascos. Director, Sheldon Lettich. **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **THE PAGEMASTER** (U): Macaulay Culkin in cartoon form, enjoys bland adventures in the world of books. Directors, Joe Johnston and Maurice Hunt. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG): Airy, amusing historical diversion, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea, Wendy Hughes. Director, Michael Austin. **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **CORRINA, CORRINA** (PG): Housemaid Whoopi Goldberg reawakens a household numbed by grief. Increasingly predictable sentimental drama, with Ray Liotta. **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **HIGHLANDER III: THE SORCERER** (15): Incoherent addition to the tiresome series about Christopher Lambert's wandering immortal. Director, Andy Morahan. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU (PG): Bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez. Director, Andrew Bergman. **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman. **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Unwieldy, overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (U): John Hughes's gooey but just about digestible remake of the 1947 fantasy, with Richard Attenborough as a department store Santa. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332)

◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG): The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy conceived by Tim Burton, directed by Henry Selick. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SLEEP WITH ME (18): *LA* friends party, play poker and suffer in love. Uneven first feature by Rory Kelly, featuring Eric Stoltz, Meg Tilly and Craig Sheffer. **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

THREE COLOURS: RED (15): Kieslowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives; a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irene Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-369 1720) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

From Holocaust to jazz age



Graphic novelist Art Spiegelman: "The Pulitzer Prize is useful because it means that I don't have to work on things that I don't want to do"

DENZIL MCNEELANCE

After winning fame for his comic books about Nazi atrocities, Art Spiegelman turns his pen to 1920s debauchery. Guy Walters reports

Do you have any strong cider? You don't? Then how about some dark beer? Yes, *dark* beer ... Art Spiegelman, the American graphic novelist, is having problems with room service. The phone drops on the floor. "Then how about some *strong* lager? I see... Then how about a vodka and orange ... ? Great." Spiegelman sits back down on the sofa, lights a cigarette and flicks *the ash somewhere near the ashtray.*

Spiegelman was the man behind the two *Maus* books, comic-book accounts of his parents' experiences during the Holocaust. Witty, moving, gothic and disarmingly personal, the books are far more gut-wrenching than *Schindler's List*. They won him a special Pulitzer Prize in 1992, and earned him platitudes that compared him to, among others, Kafka. Spiegelman finds such compliments a little embarrassing: "It's flattering, but I don't know whether it's useful. The Pulitzer Prize is useful because it means that I don't have to work on things I don't want to work on."

> ❛ After Maus I wanted to have some fun, something a little erotic ❜

Spiegelman's latest project is *The Wild Party*, a poem from 1928 by Joseph Moncure March, which he has illustrated. The poem, which Spiegelman describes in his introduction as a "hard-boiled, jazz-age tragedy told in syncopated rhyming couplets", tells the story of a debauched party hosted by Queenie, a vaudeville dancer, and her lover, Burrs, a clown. Upon its release, *The Wild Party* became a *succès de scandale* and was banned in Boston. March died in 1977, after a stint as a feature writer for *The New York Times* magazine.

Spiegelman's illustrations match the claustrophobic and decadent feel of the poem. Their execution on scratch-board is reminiscent of 1920s block and wood-print illustrations, a far cry from the pen-and-ink style of *Maus*.

So why did Spiegelman take a sabbatical from comics? "After *Maus* I wanted to have some fun. Something a little erotic, something with relatively few Jews, no Nazis, and with no socially redeeming value sounded like a decent project after *Maus*." His publishers only expected him to produce 12 plates, but deciding that would have made him overpaid, he produced 75. A further addition to his workload was his joining *The New Yorker* as a contributing editor and artist, "so it was a year of work but it happened over a two-year period," he says.

Spiegelman is a chain-smoker, but it's not his only vice. He confesses to being lazy: "I have this guilt alarm that goes off at a certain point, which goes 'Wait a minute, you've spent an hour not accomplishing anything.' But I'm also an obsessive compulsive workaholic: it's a weird combination." Spiegelman has two children by his wife Françoise Mouly, the art director of *The New Yorker*, from whom he escapes to go to his studio, where he has been known to work all night. His wife is understanding; according to Spiegelman they share a similar temperament. As for his children, one of which is named after Dashiell Hammett, "I'm certainly not rooting for them to become drawers. I've turned into my father — I'll be saying, 'Become a dentist! Become a doctor!'"

Much of Spiegelman's success must have come about as the result of his modesty and his unwillingness to abuse his position. "I think I'm too insecure for that. I try to keep on good terms with people. *The New Yorker* was so alien to my disposition. I was always terrified that it wouldn't work out, so I was looking for signs that it wouldn't."

Much of what he sets his mind to does work out, although he is less sure about a potential project: "Baryshnikov's dance company wants me to write the scenario for a dance and design some sets. My only qualification would be that I walked out of *The Red Shoes* when it was playing in movie theatres, and I did sleep through *The Nutcracker* suite when I took my daughter to it. I thought this was a job I should say yes to!" There is perhaps another comic novel in the works, but Spiegelman is reticent about it, fearing that he would have to live up to any announcement.

Meanwhile, Spiegelman will continue at *The New Yorker*, producing the odd controversial cover and considering whether to produce a book of his lectures. But will British room service ever satisfy him with the right drink? "Actually, I needn't have asked. I have one of these right here," he says, fishing a bottle of Diamond White cider out of his cupboard. "Is this stuff any good?"

● The Wild Party *is published by Picador, £9.99 hardback*

THEATRE: Elaine Paige takes over as Norma Desmond

A success on every front

Sunset Boulevard
Adelphi

THE number of major performers playing Norma Desmond may not yet stretch to the crack of doom, but already there are enough of them for a bridge party, a square dance, a small group of Lloyd's names, a lot of late Beethoven string music, or a high-class queue at Tiffany's.

The latest addition to this select elect is Elaine Paige, who is spending a month filling in for Betty Buckley, who herself took over from Patti LuPone. Meanwhile Glenn Close continues on Broadway, by most people's reckoning the best actress if not the best singer to have tackled the role.

But each has her own distinctive qualities, her own special moments. For me, Paige's most striking contribution to Sunset scholarship and the Boulevard files comes when her Norma visits the studios where years before she became queen of Tinseltown. A lighting man trains a spot on her face, and it doesn't merely shimmer and glitter in the approved stellar manner. Her Norma shuts her eyes and basks, as if Phoebus himself were making love to her. But the joy is soon replaced by a lost, baffled look, suggesting that at some level she knows the glory days are gone forever.

I saw Paige's Norma at a matinee, playing opposite Glyn Kerslake, who made a good, strong Joe Gillis but was substituting for the toyboy to whom she is accustomed, John Barrowman. Nevertheless, she gave a remarkably complete performance. Indeed, she left me wondering why Andrew Lloyd Webber and his director, Trevor Nunn, have persisted in casting American actresses in the part.

Is there anything wrong with her accent? Not to my ears. Is she physically too small? Well, she looks a bit like a gorgeously coloured stick-insect as she teeters down the outrageous staircase John Napier has designed for her, and both the newel post and Glyn Kerslake loom over her like trees. But from the word go there is no more doubting her charisma and command than her pale, puffy-faced fragility and proneness to panic. She can sing, she can act, and she can do both at once.

Another peek at the production confirmed that it is crisper and sharper than when it opened last year. The Tutankhamun-rococo innards of Norma's mansion contrast wonderfully well with the Californian bustle beyond, and Lloyd Webber has not, I think, written a richer, more powerful score.

But if the piece struck me as more gripping and moving than 17 months ago, much of the credit belonged to Paige. Watch her face brighten, crumple, recover, then gape in what's both a parody of silent-screen acting and a genuine expression of pain. Listen to that stricken voice at work. She is excellent.

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JAZZ: How to make a small fortune — start off with a big one and a love of cool sounds. Plus a serious talent struts his stuff

Money's too tight to mention

It's a hard life, running a jazz club. So why do people continue to put their hearts on the line? **Chris Parker** talks to a special breed

DAVID REDFERN



It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing: the Ronnie Scott's faithful eat, drink and tap an appreciative foot in the sometimes troubled grandad of jazz clubs

Want to make a million pounds out of jazz? Easy: start with two million. Many of those with experience running jazz clubs in London could be forgiven for not seeing the humour in this old joke.

Even the doyens of their profession, Ronnie Scott and his partner Pete King, who have kept the club named after the former open for 35 years, have done so at times by the skin of their teeth, thanks in part to opportune loans, from Harold Davison in the 1960s and Chris Blackwell in the 1980s. Jon Dabner, who transferred his highly successful and influential Jazz Café from Stoke Newington to Camden in 1990, was unable to service the debts the new premises' unexpectedly costly refurbishment had run up, and lost control of his brainchild a couple of years later. Peter Ind, for more than a decade the proprietor of Hoxton Square's Bass Clef, its sister club the Tenor Clef and Wave Studios, fell victim to the bailiffs last January.

> "We give any money we make to the musicians"

Not that such cautionary tales appear to have deterred new hopefuls in the field. Indeed, Acid Jazz Clubs Ltd has just opened a new venue, the Blue Note, on the very site of Peter Ind's discomfiture, with the intention of attracting what manager Trevor Randall refers to as "a new generation of jazz bands" to a complex comprising a café-restaurant, recording studio, editorial offices, art gallery and shop as well as a music and dance area. The whole project has cost Acid Jazz more than £500,000, but Randall is confident that the seven-year experience the firm has gained in running its successful record label (artists include Hammond organ favourites the James Taylor Quartet, as well as Corduroy and Brand New Heavies) will enable the club to prosper.

Randall acknowledges that what he refers to as "hardline jazz enthusiasts" will "probably want to have us tarred and feathered and run out of town", but then it is a truth universally acknowledged that no one has ever become rich — or even broken even — by catering solely to the needs of such an audience. David Mossman, owner of Stoke Newington's Vortex Jazz Bar — a venue whose commitment to presenting a variety of homegrown jazz talent is rivalled only by Chelsea's 606 Club — accurately describes his venue as "a very serious jazz club", dedicated to "featuring people who don't necessarily bring in the crowds, but who are brilliant musicians". But even he admits: "I've got to have a full house Friday and Saturday to pay for the midweek evenings when we're quiet, so I present the lighter side of jazz then."

Scott takes a similar line: "We aim to present what we consider to be the best jazz available. Of course, we have to get people into the club, so we do put on the odd band that I don't personally consider the greatest thing in the world, but they're popular, and the people who come in to see them may be converted to the music generally. There's a lot of music around that does not get the exposure it deserves, so we try to put that on too."

Randall is unapologetic about the broad-based nature of the Blue Note's proposed musical constituency: "Nights will be specifically designed to appeal to different audiences: roots reggae, northern soul, contemporary jazz, modern jazz fusion will all get a go."

This commitment to diversification — echoed by the capital's specialist radio station, which changed its name from Jazz FM to JFM to reflect the diversity of its output — will have a familiar ring to patrons of the Jazz Café, whose current, post-Dabner management's decision to programme soul, funk and rap music alongside the jazz has led some to suggest the establishment be rechristened the J Café. Dabner himself, while eschewing jazz purism — "I pioneered the eclectic mix of jazz-related musics at the original Jazz Café" — nevertheless remains unconvinced that acid jazz "is necessarily any more commercially viable than the real stuff, because the Jimmy Smith tour I've just promoted attracted audiences right across the board, from what the hip young kids call the New School Jazzuals to the Old Jazz Beards".

Dabner has definite views on what makes a good jazz club: "You need a fully integrated club/bar/restaurant where everybody's working together to make sure that people are getting good food and bar service at reasonable prices, but where proper respect is paid to the music." He is currently negotiating with an Italian restaurant chain with a view to opening what he claims will be the UK's largest-ever jazz venue — capacity 800 — at the Angel, Islington. Unsurprisingly, he has few illusions about the difficulties involved in reconciling hardcore jazz fans' listening needs with those of more casual (but more free-spending) punters: "We hope to have raked seating around the stage where people can sit nursing an orange juice all night. You have to accept that a lot of jazz fans are like that: they'll pay £30 a ticket to see their heroes, but then they'll nurse that juice or smuggle in brandy to avoid extra expense. I know: I used to do it myself as a kid."

Perhaps the last word on the debate as to what constitutes a "genuine" but financially viable jazz club should be given to two men who have seen it not only from the perspective of club proprietor but from a musician's point of view: Elton Dean, who helps to run Jazz Rumours, a small enterprise dedicated to freely improvised music, currently resident at the Vortex on Sunday nights, and Scott, the guv'nor.

Dean believes in modest aims achieved by modest means: "We're not in the same league as the big boys, but we fill a hole they don't fill: free jazz. The Vortex has a little local crowd; we have a hard core of support, so between the two we can fill the chairs, and I'm not looking for much more than that — all our workers are voluntary, and we give any money we make to the musicians."

Scott's views are surprisingly similar, given the relative harshness of the commercial climate in which he operates: "A jazz club has to be the kind of place I personally feel comfortable in. It's a mistake to think you can design one; we're purposely not trendy because, by their very nature, trends last only a few weeks, and when they've died, jazz will still be there. Jazz is a minority art form, though: it's never going to appeal to teenagers the way rock'n'roll does, and it's silly to pretend that it will."

Cursed are the noisemakers

Julian Joseph
Jazz Café, NW1

FRIENDS still wondering how to please Julian Joseph this Christmas need wonder no more. Buy him the Wigmore Hall. The 28-year-old London-born pianist played there in October and visibly relished the quiet attentiveness of its audience.

The Jazz Café, where Joseph was playing the fifth and final date of his Forum Project tour, is in most important respects the Wigmore Hall's polar opposite. It may be an excellent place to eat and drink while an anonymous band thumps away in the background, but as a site for the serious, considered music Joseph had written for the occasion it was sadly lacking.

Ironically enough, things began well, precisely because of the audience's exuberance. Joseph took the stage with just a rhythm section — bassist Wayne Batchelor and drummer Mark Mondesir — and launched straight into "The High Priestess", a fiercely rumbustious original from his debut album *The Language of Truth*. The whole band quickly picked up on the audience's extremely vocal enthusiasm and turned in a boiling performance. Mondesir in particular responded to their shouts and whistles of encouragement by whipping himself up into a polyrhythmic frenzy and Joseph was moved to a solo that combined thunderous attack with dazzling runs.

But once the rest of the band — an intriguing front line of cello, violin, bass trombone and bass clarinet — took to the stage, it became clear that carefully composed music was to be unveiled, requiring what Joseph referred to as "respect for the quietness of the instruments". But the audience quickly lost all interest and went back to manic whistling and setting off party poppers.

Only thanks to heroic efforts of concentration could it be made out that Joseph's three-part suite "The Winds of Change", was a highly original and inventive work, packed with startling textural and dynamic contrast, and proving that he is one of the country's brightest prospects.

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BERLIOZ, Ravel and Vaughan Williams are not composers one immediately associates with Bernard Haitink. The dour Dutch conductor is better known for his mastery of the heavier Teutonic repertoire, and it was therefore with some interest that one approached his Thursday night concert with the London Philharmonic, in which the programme consisted of the *Benvenuto Cellini* overture, the *Mother Goose* suite and Vaughan Williams's Fifth Symphony.

The first half was not a resounding success. The Berlioz overture had some characteristically plangent woodwind lines and a measure of bravado. But it was all a bit heavy-handed. Ravel's *Mother Goose* Suite was similarly pedestrian: the players sounded uninspired and the textures refused to glitter.

After the interval, however, everything was transformed. The opening of the Vaughan Williams symphony, to be sure, was unpromisingly tentative, but players and conductor rapidly gained confidence, and the sensuous plunge into E major for the second subject was beautifully prepared. Thereafter, Haitink had the direction of the movement firmly in hand, pacing its broad paragraphs, and — no less importantly — their connecting passages, with all the skill of a master symphonist.

The distant, muted dying fall that concludes the first movement, and the delicate descent through the string registers that ends the Scherzo, were neatly executed. With the players now fully in their stride, the rapt, lushly textured opening of the Romanza was exquisitely rendered. Both the Romanza and the final Passacaglia were sustained with impressive assurance, bringing to a satisfying end a concert of mixed fortunes.

BARRY MILLINGTON



Haitink: a master of the heavier Teutonic repertoire

Hail and Noël

Hallé/Nagano
Manchester

NOBODY has come up with a better pre-Christmas orchestral programme this season than Kent Nagano and the Hallé. Abundant in ballet and pantomime associations and exclusively fairy-tale in inspiration (based for the most part on stories by Charles Perrault) it offered music of the highest quality and with a not-too-regular place in the repertoire.

It was well below the average in length, and should probably have ended with Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* rather than Prokofiev's *Cinderella* — both of which points Nagano seemed to acknowledge by adding the Valse des fleurs from *Nutcracker* as an encore — but it accumulated a not unpleasantly seasonal atmosphere.

If there was some puzzlement as the concert began, not with the suite but with the full ballet version of Ravel's *Mother Goose* (which adds an introduction, connecting material and another dance to the five pieces of the piano-duet original), it was soothed away by the enchantingly allusive poetry of the less familiar parts of the score. Performed more as chamber music than as a display of orchestral colour, Ravel's affectionate tribute to childhood innocence was reflected in some admirably sensitive playing and fell short of its expressive potential only in an underestimation of the emotional content of the Magic Garden at the end.

The effect of Nagano's work in refining the Hallé sound was most rewardingly evident in the Ravel performance, in spite of occasional and marginal failures in woodwind and string solos. Having accomplished that process, which will be no small achievement, he might then encourage the orchestra to shed the inhibitions which seems to have developed.

There was no lack of colour or vitality in the performance of the *Sleeping Beauty* suite, but it danced past without the exuberance, the show-off element even, that would have characterised Hallé playing in a piece like this in the past. Such discreet wit as we heard in the feline intrigue of Tchaikovsky's "Le Chat Botté et la Chatte Blanche" is rare, however, and for those who prefer more heavily caricatured ballet impersonations there was ample compensation in Prokofiev's *Cinderella* — a score which Nagano and the Hallé could profitably explore further for its rhythmic vitality and brilliantly dramatic orchestration.

GERALD LARNER

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Plus: the return of the Victorian circus

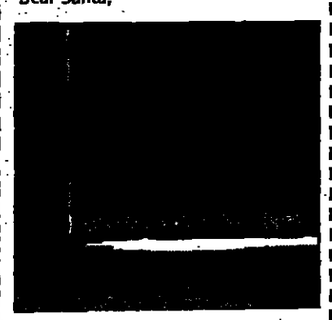
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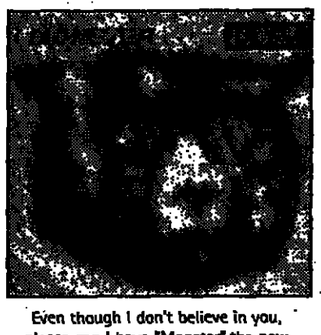
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Thanks a lot.

Dear Santa,



Can I please get "The Snake", by Shane MacGowan this Christmas. The Late Show reckon this was the album of the year, and whatever you think about him he's a genius with the old lyrics. Oh, go on you old red nosed bugger, there's a sherry in it for you.
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Dear Santa,



Even though I don't believe in you, please can I have "Monster",the new album by R.E.M. I've got their last two records and I play them all the time. The first two singles, "What's The Frequency, Kenneth?" and "Bang and Blame" were on the radio all the time and I loved them.
Cheers, Dad.

Dear Santa,



Please can I have the new album from Eddi Reader? I remember her from Fairground Attraction and I've heard "Patience Of Angels" and "Dear John" and they are lovely songs.
She has got an amazing voice.
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Please can I have
"The Songs Of Distant Earth"
by Mike Oldfield. He's so clever, and I've heard this is a wonderful record, based on the book by Arthur C Clarke.
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Times writers give their Christmas selections of the best in sporting literature from 1994

Kuper's world odyssey takes the honours in vintage year

WHICH Scottish footballer, asked by a journalist if he could "have a quick word", replied: "Aye, velocity"? Answer: Martin Buchan, the Manchester United captain. Kenny MacDonald's *Scottish Football Quotations* (Mainstream, £6.99) ascribes it incorrectly but, that apart, it is a richly entertaining addition to the football quotes canon in a vintage year. Football is normally the poor relation of sports publishing. This year, a dozen titles demand attention.

There are two heavyweight autobiographies, by Brian Clough (Partridge Press, £16.99) and Terry Venables (Michael Joseph, £16.99), even if the latter should probably be read in conjunction with *Venables, The Inside Story*, by Steve Curry and Harry Harris (Headline, £5.99). There is a fine collection of essays by an outstanding journalist, Hugh McIlvanney, in *McIlvanney on Football* (Mainstream, £14.99), and an excellent diary of Ireland's World Cup by Andy Townsend, *Andy's Game* (Stanley Paul, £8.99) proving much more revealing than that of the manager.

In another year any one of those could be acclaimed football book of the year. This year there are even better contenders. In *Are You Watching, Liverpool?* (Heinemann, £15.99), Jim White set out to chart Manchester United's return to the European Cup in the belief that they would win it. Instead, he stayed to chronicle the double year. A journalist and supporter, White tells the story with a foot in both camps, and perhaps inevitably the book falls a little short in both areas.

As the Davieses (Hunter and Pete) can testify, a journalist inside the camp leaves a feeling of betrayal behind when the book comes out, but nobody will feel betrayed by White. Betrayal, though, is almost a mild word for Jack Charlton's reaction to *The Team that Jack Built* (Mainstream, £12.99). Paul Rowan's riveting account of Ireland's transformation from also-rans to contenders on the world stage.

Charlton initially denied even knowing that a three-hour conversation on a car journey was being taped. He admitted it last week, but still said it was off the record. Rowan alone knows the truth of that, but there is little doubt that he has captured Charlton's views.

Rob Steen is better known as a cricket writer, but he has turned his attention to football to bring a quite splendid book, *The Mavericks* (Mainstream, £14.99). One may quarrel with the judgments and his prose is seriously overwrought at times, but his tale of the misfits — Tony Currie, Charlie George, Ossie (the original, Peter Osgood), Alan Hudson, Stan Bowles, Frank Worthington and Rodney Marsh — from the days

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when the rebels without a cause and the apostles of work-rate regarded each other with mutual incomprehension is just delicious — and brilliantly researched.

But it is surpassed by Simon Kuper's *Football Against the Enemy* (Orion, £9.99). Again, one might query some judgments — anyone who was in Belfast 14 months ago might challenge the assertion that Holland v Germany is the great grudge match — but it is simply wonderful as an odyssey round world football, and what the game means to the world.

The cast ranges from Menotti to Mandela, from Milutinovic to Helmut Klopfleisch, an East Berliner investigated by the *Stasi* for supporting Hertha Berlin. Nobody will ever again be able to say "it's only a game" with any conviction. Buy this book.

PETER BALL

PAUL HANNA



Charlton's impact on the World Cup with Ireland is examined in *The Team that Jack Built*

Humour of Reilly helps to support a treat for the eyes

AT THE World Championship last year, David Cannon, the golf photographer, broached the idea of a book based on the golf photographs he and his colleagues at Allsport, the photographic agency, had taken down the years. These photographs would be accompanied by text by invited writers. The idea was welcome, even though the danger was that a book that uses text to be wrapped around photographs, some of which had already been published, could, and probably would, be described as self-serving.

Cannon's book, *Visions of Golf*, duly appeared in the late autumn and is the visual treat that it should be. Some but not all of the photographs may have been seen before, but nobody has read Rick Reilly on Jack Nicklaus's victory in the 1986 US Masters. Reilly is one of the best sportswriters in the United States and nobody who reads this piece will forget it. It is only a few hundred words in total and the longest sentence comprises eight words.

Reilly is an engaging and infuriating colleague. He is engaging because he seems to be able to be able to amble around at golf events with nary care in the world before turning out, seemingly at speed and with little difficulty, some of the funniest golf writing you are ever likely to read.

It was a good idea to ask Gene Sarazen to write the foreword to this book, and he begins with the words "... if only there had been a photographer standing behind the 15th green at Augusta in 1935!" the point being that his historic albatross (or what the Americans refer to as a double-eagle) would have been captured forever. There was not and it was not.

Cannon's work also features strongly in *Faldo in Search of Perfection*, a glossy book written by Bruce Critchley as if written by Faldo — ie, in the first person. I enjoyed the photographs more than the text. I feel I have read more than enough about Faldo for the time being.

The official biography, in which every trough in his career, as well as every peak, is carefully examined by a writer who has some distance and thus perspective from his subject, is the one I want to read.

Many golf books this year seem to have been self-serving. It has been a year of anthologies, of reprints, of revised editions — from Robert Green's *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Golf* to the best golf writings of Dan Jenkins and some of the best of golf from *Sports Illustrated* these past 40 years.

Nothing illustrates the boom in golf more than the news that 15,000 copies of a slim little volume called *Taking up Golf*, published by the Golf Foundation, were printed and published in October and more than one third have been sold already. The Golf Foundation is one of the game's heroic organisations. This valuable book is

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typical of its contribution to a game that sometimes seems reluctant to acknowledge its existence.

And then just when I had written off the year in terms of golf books as being as nothing more than a good one, there arrived one called *Golf is a Four Letter Word*, by Richard Armour. It has an introduction by Peter Dobereiner, which is a good start, and is, like Woodhall Spa golf course, a gem. It was first published more than 30 years ago and no serious golfer who likes to read about the game should be without it.

☐ *Visions of Golf* (Kensington West Productions, £14.99).

☐ *Faldo: In Search of Perfection* (Weidenfeld and Nicholson, £19.99).

☐ *Taking up Golf* (The Golf Foundation, £4.99).

☐ *Golf is a Four Letter Word* (Lennard Queen Anne Press, £6.99).

JOHN HOPKINS

Shame of Blackheath cover-up exposed

THERE is no doubting the best-researched, most thought-provoking book to grace rugby union's shelves this year. The emphasis on research is deliberate: these days, so many players, or their ghosts, treat basic facts with cavalier abandon and their publishers seem not to know or care.

So it was a pleasure to fall upon *Forerunners of the All Blacks*, which charts the passage of the 1888-89 New Zealand "native" team on their tour to Britain.

The book is the result of research by a young New Zealander, Greg Ryan, for his MA thesis in history at the University of Canterbury. It is written with both style and scholarship and anyone who believes that the game today needs to be rid of hypocrisy, shady dealing and exploitation could do worse than understand how things were in late Victorian England.

In 14 months, driven sometimes by desperate financial necessity, a party of 26 players took part in 107 matches in New Zealand, Britain and Australia — as well as eight matches in Australia played under Victorian Rules — during what was part sporting exercise, part showbiz, leaving the Rugby Football Union (RFU), among others, uncertain that their visitors quite matched up to their Corinthian ideals.

Charges of professionalism, conduct unbecoming and drunkenness were levelled against them, while they, in turn, were infuriated by condescending attitudes struck against them. During their third international, against England at Blackheath, three tries were awarded against them by the referee, George Rowland Hill, secretary of the RFU.



Barnes: lively approach

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The third try was a masterpiece of deception in that Andrew Stoddart, the England captain, lost his shorts in a tackle, and when he realised his condition, threw down the ball and his opponents promptly ringed him round to shut him off from "the vulgar gaze", as a contemporary account reported. While they did so, Frank Evershed, another England player, grabbed the ball and crossed in the corner. While his opponents protested, Evershed had the gall to pick the ball up and place it under the posts.

No wonder attitudes between the two hemispheres have been notoriously coloured over the years. Yet that party provided some of the great names in New Zealand's sporting history — the Warbrick brothers, the Wynyard brothers and two who went on to captain official New Zealand teams, Tom Ellison and David Gage.

The Christmas market includes offerings from three famous players, Rob Andrew and Stuart Barnes, of England, and Gavin Hastings, of Scotland. That Barnes and Andrew should sustain their playing rivalry in print is a quirk of circumstance, although neither makes much of it — as, indeed, neither did before Barnes retired to the commentary box. Since Barnes wrote his book, *Smelling of Roses*, himself, it has an impetus and a vitality which many such works lack.

Ending on another historical note, some pleasurable moments will be recalled by the 50 famous players who describe *My Greatest Game*, the third in a series edited by the sports writer, Bob Holmes.

☐ *Forerunners of the All Blacks*, by Greg Ryan (Canterbury University Press, £13.95).

☐ *Smelling of Roses*, by Stuart Barnes (Mainstream Publishing, £14.99).

☐ *A Game and a Half*, by Rob Andrew (Hodder and Stoughton, £14.99).

☐ *High Balls and Happy Hours*, by Gavin Hastings (Mainstream Publishing, £14.99).

☐ *My Greatest Game — Rugby*, edited by Bob Holmes and Chris Thau (Mainstream Publishing, £12.99).

DAVID HANDS

Goodwood's contribution

"WITHOUT Goodwood, you would not have had dressage in England." The claim was made by Dr Reiner Klimke, Germany's most successful dressage rider, who was a regular competitor at Goodwood — until it dramatically closed its doors to dressage last year.

The claim is not extravagant, as Jane Kidd, a rider, judge and author, reveals in her scholarly book, *Goodwood Dressage Champions*. During the 21 years of dressage at the Duke of Richmond's historic seat, interest in the sport soared. In 1973 there were 1,453 members of the dressage group; today there are 8,208.

Horses have always been in the blood of the Dukes of Richmond. The first Duke was appointed Master of the Horse at the age of 11 by Charles II. The second Duke was an avid fox hunter. He took part in the famous hunt of January 1738 when hounds ran for ten hours and covered 57 miles. The third Duke started racing at Goodwood.

The present Duchess, then Lady March, came to live at Goodwood in 1969 and quickly realised she could not live in such magnificent surroundings and not ride. After early ventures into horse trials and driving trials, she turned to dressage.

When, in 1973, Domini Morgan (née Lawrence) the British Olympic rider, suggested the idea of an international dressage competition at Goodwood, the Duchess agreed — but there was a condition attached. Germany then, as now, were the most distinguished exponents of the discipline and Mrs Morgan was asked to guarantee that at least four Germans would come to

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Goodwood. On the day there were no sand arenas as there are now and the grass ones were on a slope, there were no grandstands — only straw bales — and prize-money was minimal. But there were four Germans, Georg and Inge Theodorescu, Karin Schluter and Herbert Rehbein, who became the first dressage champion. Goodwood was on its way.

In the 21 years since then, most of the sport's leading names have become Goodwood champions. Riders were lured not only by the facilities and setting but also by Goodwood's courage in experimenting and taking the sport forward. In 1979, at the suggestion of the Duchess, Goodwood staged the first international freestyle to music, which, through its popular appeal, has changed the face of dressage.

At first there were problems with the judging, but dressage to music is now an established part of the sport. Goodwood said goodbye to dressage last year.

Elwyn Hartley Edwards's *The Encyclopedia of the Horse* would be worth buying for the photographs alone. It is also a fine reference book.

Parents thinking of putting their child on a pony would be advised to buy Meriel Buxton's *The Pony Club, Dream and Reality*.

☐ *Goodwood Dressage Champions*, by Jane Kidd (The Kenilworth Press Limited, £19.95).

☐ *The Encyclopedia of the Horse*, by Elwyn Hartley Edwards (Dorling Kindersley, £25).

☐ *The Pony Club, Dream and Reality*, by Meriel Buxton (The Sportsman's Press, £14.95).

JENNY MACARTHUR

Identifying magic of historic game

ALTHOUGH bowls and golf, in every sense popular games, have much in common, those who roll large balls must, it seems, have less time for reading than those who hit small ones with sticks, because books on bowls are indeed scarce.

It would surely be a calumny to Drake's descendants to suggest that golfers are the more literate species, but a glance at the sports shelves in any bookshop reveals 20 books on the royal and ancient game to one on, er, the other royal and even more ancient game.

Gordon Allan's welcome addition to the bowls library confirms that Edward I was the first English king to play the game, around the turn of the 13th century, and that the Princess of Wales is given to opening bowls clubs in her role of patron of the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association.

But the delightful *Bowling Enchanted Woods*, a snip at £5.95, is not a historical tome. As the title hints, it identifies the attraction and analyses the magic of a game "that makes us all

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feel, for a blissful moment, like David Bryant at his zenith". The author takes the reader on a gentle stroll through Worthing's Beach House Park and revels in the idiosyncracies of some leading players.

Bryant and Tony Allcock have collaborated on *Bowl to Win*, though there is little that is new or surprising there. Chris Mills offers *The Skip's Guide to Bowls*, and a useful and entertainingly illustrated guide, *Bowls Rules, OK?*, for those who are confused by the laws of the game.

☐ *Bowling Enchanted Woods*, by Gordon Allan (Alpha Press, £5.95).

☐ *Bowl to Win*, by David Bryant and Tony Allcock (Key Publishing, £14.99).

☐ *The Skip's Guide to Bowls*, by Chris Mills (A. & C. Black, £12.99).

☐ *Bowls Rules, OK?* by Chris Mills (A. & C. Black, £4.99).

DAVID RHYS JONES

Prize still worth fighting for

THE prize that British champions crave most is the Lonsdale belt. The fortunes of the belt is the subject of a fascinating book, *Lonsdale Belt*, by John Harding, Robson Books, £19.99. The enamel and gold trophy was named after the Earl of Lonsdale, president of the National Sporting Club (NSC), which, in 1909, was the headquarters of boxing.

Harding takes us through the great days of Kid Lewis, Jack Berg, Jimmy Wilde, Benny Lynch, Freddie Mills, Randolph Turpin and Henry Cooper, when the British championship meant more than just a stepping stone to making money as a world championship contender.

The NSC instituted the belt to start an official series of championships and stop the spread of title bouts at different venues. Outright winners received a pension of £1 a month.

The British Boxing Board of Control, which succeeded the NSC in 1918, redesigned the belt in 1937. The original carried an engraving of two pugilists. They were replaced by Lonsdale's head surmounted by a lion. The English rose was joined by the daffodil, thistle and shamrock.

Originally in nine-carat gold, the gold was replaced by gold plate after the Second World War. Despite costing £200 in 1909 and worth about £4,000 now, the prized belts are mostly still in the possession of winners or their families.

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Valuable though the belt is, it is remarkable how some have found their way back home after adventures abroad. Kid Lewis, for example, left his in a shop in Havana when he had to leave in a hurry after the promoters of his show ran out of money. The shop sent the belt back to England.



Cooper: belts auctioned

The book also tells us where the belts are today. Len Harvey's is owned by Mickey Duff's son; Bombadier Billy Wells's one is with the Kings' Artillery Regiment in Woolwich Barracks; Henry Cooper's three belts and Randolph Turpin's belt have been auctioned. Turpin's fetched £10,000, Cooper's £50,000.

Robson Books have reissued, in paperback, *Champions of the Ring*, by Gerald Suster (£10.99). In recording the contests, controversies and unusual happenings in the careers of heavyweights from John L Sullivan to Lennox Lewis, Suster provides an invaluable reference work. *Lightning Strikes*, also by Suster, details boxing's lightweight heroes.

☐ *Lonsdale Belt*, by John Harding (Robson Books, £19.99).

☐ *Champions of the Ring*, by Gerald Suster (Robson Books, £10.99).

☐ *Lightning Strikes*, by Gerald Suster (Robson Books, £16.95).

SRIKUMAR SEN

Colourless account of a golden career

BRITISH athletics in 1994 will be remembered for many things, but not its books. The year offered much in material for future works — the Modahls are intent on publishing their story — but not one memorable read.

The only book of note has been Sally Gunnell's *Running Tall* (Bloomsbury Publishing, £14.99), a banal account of an ordinary girl's rise to become an Olympic champion and world record-holder in the 400 metres hurdles. If only the book was ordinary, but it is worse than that. "The 400m hurdles is run around one lap of a standard-size oval athletics track. The competitors run in lanes from the beginning of the race to the end ..." Now tell us something we did not know.

Unfortunately, Gunnell and her co-author, Christopher Priest, lead us to hurdles but never over them. Drugs are discussed but without the insight you would hope to receive from an international athlete of 11 years' standing. She must know more, but is not telling.

Gunnell speaks of her camaraderie with Linford Christie and Colin Jackson but says nothing of their personalities away from the limelight, nothing of their virtues or shortcomings as she perceives them. There is no mention of Frank Dick or Andy Norman, the most controversial British officials of the past decade. Furthermore, in a dreadful *faux pas*, Gunnell observes her "ritual" of watching Christie running in a 100 metres *hurdles* race.

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There are tedious recollections of the holding camp before the Seoul Olympics, of warming up and reporting to race, and of days as a young girl at home on the farm. If this has been Gunnell's life, then so be it, but *Running Tall* illustrates how winning an Olympic gold medal is not in itself sufficiently good reason to justify a book.

☐ *Running Tall*, by Sally Gunnell (Bloomsbury Publishing, £14.99).

DAVID POWELL

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Times writers give their Christmas selections of the best in sporting literature from 1994

Double fault typifies ill-informed account of unparalleled career

TENNIS

THE last notable achievement of Mary Joe Fernandez was to come back from 6-1, 5-1 and a series of match points down to Gabriela Sabatini in the French Open. The American, as slender as a pipe-cleaner and with her hair habitually in a pigtail, has since been beset by debilitating injuries.

The last notable achievement of Gigi Fernandez, a native of Puerto Rico, was to reach the last four at Wimbledon. Better known as half of the prime doubles team in the world, she was not armed with sufficient conviction in the semi-final to beat one of her best friends, Martina Navratilova.

The namesakes, both of whom are veterans by today's standards, have long been leading figures in their different fields, Mary Joe in singles and Gigi in doubles. According to *Martina*, though, they appear to be one and the same person.

In the index of the unauthorised biography of the greatest woman tennis player, reference is made to "Fernandez, Mary Joe (Gigi)". The detail may be trivial but it betrays an astounding lack of appreciation on behalf of the author, Adrianne Blue.

The surname of Patty Fendick, another familiar figure on the tennis circuit, has also been rearranged. The American is called "Fenwick". That may be the fault of the printers but the mistakes are symptomatic of a book cobbled largely from other publications.

Little of the material is fresh. The author opens by confessing that the only personal interview she was granted by the subject, during the French Open this year, when Navratilova smashed her racket after being knocked out in the first round, was brief and less than cordial.

Nor is the content written in a fresh manner. Take, as an example, the description of the 1978 Wimbledon final between Navratilova and her greatest rival, Chris Evert. "Chris was the one wresting the keys of her Ferrari from the poison snakes and stepping on the accelerator. Martina was stuck in traffic in a second-hand Ford. In the semi-final, it had taken the loss of the first set to get her in gear. She had to tempt fate before the adrenalin would flow. Now, once again at crisis point, Martina at last turned the key in the ignition of her mental Ferrari."

The author devotes space to Navratilova's personal life, confirming that she did not have an affair with Billie Jean King and investigating her "practice of serial monogamy". One relationship ended with her lover, Rita Mae Brown, firing a bullet through the back window of her car.

Blue explores Navratilova's roots and her political background, her "battle" against the communist regime in Czechoslovakia, the country she left behind. *Martina* is far stronger in matters off court than on it.

The author's previous book, *Queen Of The Track*, was, according to the publishers, named as the athletics book of the decade. Her latest attempt will not be lauded as highly, even though there is a paucity of publications concerning tennis and its immediate environment. One tome, however, is worthy of note, as is annually the case.

The Official Wimbledon Annual, an extensive account of the championships, written by John Parsons as a daily diary, is richly supplemented by copious photographs.

☐ *Martina*, by Adrianne Blue (Gollancz, Wetherby, £15.99).
☐ *The Official Wimbledon Annual* (Hazleton, £16.99).

STUART JONES



Navratilova receives a standing ovation as she arrives on court during her farewell Wimbledon last summer

How to get hooked on philosophy of fishing

IT HAS been a feature of publishing in recent years that the same handful of imprints has consistently produced the best fishing books. It has happened again in 1994. Merlin Unwin, a specialist independent, has taken my nomination for the second Christmas out of three.

The essays in *The Habit of Rivers* by the American, Ted Leeson (£16.95), are so beautifully crafted that when an odd word jars or a lily is gilded, it accentuates, like a beauty spot, the flawlessness.

The work is rich in fly-fishing philisophy. "A trout stream points backwards to geology and atmospherics, to history and evolution: it leads forward to insects and fish, to hydrology and botany, to literature and philosophy." Connections branch and rebranch in overlapping associations until, finally, you can reconstruct an entire watershed.

For good measure Merlin Unwin has also produced one of the two best fly-dressing books, *Flytyer's Masterclass* by the realist dresser, Oliver Edwards (£19.99). Swan Hill have come up with the other, Darrell Martin's *Micropatterns — Tying and Fishing the Small Fly* (£24.95).

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David Burnett, another independent, has produced an unusual work from Hugh Falkus, author of the monolythic *Salmon Fishing*. With *Speycasting — A New Technique* (Excellent Press, £25), Faulkus places on record his casting techniques and in particular his use of the bottom hand. For the aficionado.

Swan Hill bob up again in two very different contexts. *Fish Tales*, a collection of fishy pieces edited by John Miller (£16.95) is the year's most beautiful slim volume. It is worth buying for its presentation and the stunning engravings by William Lizars.

Freshwater Fish of the British Isles, by Nick Giles (£19.95), should be in every angler's bag. Most, to their cost, know little about the natural history of the fishes they pursue and Giles's fine primer will help.

The Fishing Detective by John Bailey (Collins Willow, £15.99) might well have been conceived as a companion to the work by Giles. The difference between a master angler like Bailey and the also-ran is that the expert places his mind under the water alongside the fish, whereas the thinking of the latter stays at the surface. Bailey stylishly shows how to make the transition.

Crowwood Press hold their place with *Up Against It* (£14.99), the autobiography of the indefatigable writer and broadcaster, Martin James.

BRIAN CLARKE

Botham's stance proves stale and selective

CRICKET

THE cricket book of the year, in terms of copies sold and headlines made, was Ian Botham's autobiography, feebly subtitled *Don't Tell Kath*. As Santayana wrote of Rousseau's *Confessions*, it mixed candour with ignorance of self in equal measure, although the arch writing style and lack of fresh tales did not stop thousands lapping up the "revelations" of a tempestuous life.

It may be possible to write a decent account of Botham's career, and shed light on the most remarkable English post-war cricketer, but the task proved beyond Botham. The tabloid newspaper that shelled out a six-figure advance to run the interesting bits was reported to be appalled by the lack of colour.

Sportsmen, like politicians, often have hazy recollections. Botham, a great team man, is not vain, but his memory is as selective as the next retired grandee. As a player, he always marched to the beat of his own drum. In retirement, he may yet become as tedious and self-justifying as Fred Trueman. If he does, he will lose the public respect that he deserves for his unique contribution to English cricket.

There is a settling of scores, particularly with Durham, that demeans him. He was not always wrong. Equally, he was not always right. This is a one-eyed view of a great and greatly flawed career, laced with lashings of booze and self-righteousness. In ten years, we can expect a second volume, *The Pantomime Years*.

As for the battered body of English cricket itself, a displaced American sociologist gives the game and the country short shrift in *Anyone But England*. Mike Marqusee is a New Yorker who lives here, despite appearing to detest everything about the place. Well-heeled Marxists have always loved to grumble and we can live with his approbation. It is just a pity he cannot write better.

This is another book with a subtitle, in this case a thoroughly pretentious one: *Cricket and the National Malaise*. "Anyone but England" is the answer Dennis Skinner gave when the Labour MP was asked who he "supported" at cricket. In the same sour spirit, Marqusee attempts to divine a national "malaise" through the rickety performance of the England team and the alleged racism and incompetence of the game's administrators.

Imran Khan is another who has made much of English bigotry. In his biography of the former Pakistan Test captain, Ivo Tennant tries manfully to unravel the many strands of this Oxford-educated Pathan who spends as much time in Chelsea as Lahore.

Great all-rounder, international playboy (a dreadful phrase, but in this case entirely apt) and hospital fund-raiser, he has certainly had a high-profile life. If politics beckons, he may become leader of his people. For all that, it is a curiously empty life. If Tennant does not get behind the mask, it may be that, despite Imran's good looks, there is not much worth exploring.

Another *Times* journalist is in print this year. In *Letting Rip*, Simon Wilde approaches the art of fast-bowling from the first person, as we sometimes do in dreams. Having taken the reader through this terrifying ordeal, he examines the lineage of modern fast bowlers and finds how much their skills have developed in the last 20 years, as the balance of power has shifted from Australia (Lillee and Thomson) to West Indies (Roberts, Holding, Marshall) and, uniquely, to Pakistan (Wasim, Waqar).


Botham: selective memory

☐ *Botham: My Autobiography*, by Ian Botham (Collins Willow, £15.99).
☐ *Imran Khan*, by Ivo Tennant (Witherby, £16.99).
☐ *Anyone but England: Cricket and the National Malaise*, by Mike Marqusee (Verso, £16.95).
☐ *Letting Rip: the fast-bowling threat from Lillee to Waqar*, by Simon Wilde (Witherby, £15.99).

MICHAEL HENDERSON

Gambler's creed still valid 90 years on

WINNERS repeat frequently while the defeated are apt to be defeated almost continuously, was one of his sayings. A high-class horse could not win a race with a feather on his back if he is not in condition, was another. Or how about this advice for losing punters: Look for defect in your own calculating rather than cheating of others.

The thoughts belong to a man who was probably the most successful gambler in the history of the sport. And they hold true as much today as they did almost a century ago when George E. Smith, or "Pittsburgh Phil" as he was known, was at his prime.

I came across *Racing Maxims & Methods of Pittsburgh Phil* in Melbourne last month. Although written in the first decade of the century, the slim volume offers a fascinating insight into the methodical nature of Smith, who is estimated to have won $1.7 million in the United States.

A quiet, almost retiring man, he achieved his success through hard work. His singlemindedness, though, might not appeal to some would-be professional gamblers. "A man cannot divide his attention at the track between horses and women," he said. "All consistently successful players of horses are men of temperate habits in life. The racing man should arise in the morning cool and clear-headed and should then take up the problem of the day." Quite so.

RACING

In Australia it is published by Telvent, PO Box 421, Randwick, New South Wales, but it may be obtained more easily from Gamblers Book Club, Box 4115, Las Vegas, Nevada, for $7.95 (plus postage and packing).

Nearer to home, Raymond Smith has turned the spotlight on some of the biggest names in Irish and British racing in *Tigers Of The Turf*. Smith's natural enthusiasm and love for racing come bubbling through as he deals sympathetically with some of the modern-day heroes of the Turf including Adrian Maguire, Michael Kinane, Dermot Weld and Jim Bolger.

The Punter's Friend is a helpful guide to racing and betting. For those confused by the mystique of the sport, with its impenetrable terminology, Jack Waterman's book is a must.

☐ *Racing Maxims & Methods of Pittsburgh Phil*, by George E Smith (Telvent, $7.95).
☐ *Tigers of the Turf*, by Raymond Smith (Sporting Books, £8.99).
☐ *The Punter's Friend*, by Jack Waterman (Queen Anne Press, £10.99).

RICHARD EVANS

Venables: a financial tale

GENERAL

ONLY a few of the hundreds of sports books published every year are more than a pleasant way of whiling away time. Fewer demand any sort of investigative zeal. One exception was *Lord of the Rings*, which was published in 1992 and outraged the International Olympic Committee.

Although flawed, the book struck chords in its allegations that not only had there been manipulation of sport for financial reasons but that the activities of leading figures in sports politics are contrary to the ideals of the Olympic charter.

Another investigative book was published this year. *Venables: The Inside Story* was written by the football reporters, Harry Harris and Steve Curry. Although the England coach, predictably, dismissed it as "not worth commenting on", the work is certainly worth reading.

Harris is known for his tireless excavation of facts and his links with Tottenham Hotspur have given him the pole position in most of the stories about the club since Venables was sacked.

The authors have treated their material with an impressive understanding of the financial implications. The book concludes that, although Venables is an outstanding coach, he was too ambitious to move into business, was ill-advised in his choice of associates and lacked financial acumen.

The book also highlights the activity of agents, alleging that, during negotiations, some receive money from both club and player, a move which can be irregular and possibly illegal. Their diligent work has been rewarded with one of the more enterprising books of recent years.

Injuries are the bane of athletes. If competitors are not discussing training schedules, they are usually discussing injuries. Vivian Grisogono, a Great Britain physiotherapist, has produced a book that is invaluable for anyone undergoing that most frustrating of sporting states: the inability to exercise because of injury.

The book outlines how best to get treatment. It details how to prevent injuries and provides basic rules about fitness and exercise.

In the present climate of violence, *Medico-legal Hazards of Rugby Union*, a book whose title is self-explanatory, is timely and appropriate.

☐ *Venables: The Inside Story* by Harris Harris and Steve Curry (Headline, £16.99).
☐ *Running: Fitness and Injuries — A Self-Help Guide* by Vivian Grisogono (John Murray, £13.99).
☐ *Medico-legal Hazards of Rugby Union*, edited by Simon Payne (Blackwell Special Projects, £14.95).

JOHN GOODBODY

Cape of mistaken identity

YACHTING

CAPE Horn was a busy place last winter. There was the Whitbread Round the World race fleet going one way, shadowed by Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnston's record-breaking catamaran ENZA *New Zealand*, while solo sailor Mike Golding was going in the opposite direction, against the prevailing winds and currents, chasing Chay Blyth's non-stop circumnavigation record.

The Horn is an inhospitable place and the waters beyond some of the most treacherous in the world. Knox-Johnston and Blake should know. Between them they have rounded seven times, but the worst by far was earlier this year when they had to battle against a force ten gale and 60ft seas. "We had to lie hove-to completely for eight hours. The seas were amongst the worst I have ever encountered." Knox-Johnston recalls in *Beyond Jules Verne*, his riveting account of their 74-day circumnavigation.

Golding had an altogether easier time of it going round alone from the Atlantic into the Pacific in his former British Steel Challenge yacht *Group 4 Securitas*. By coincidence, he rounded at exactly the same time as Alan Wynne-Thomas, a great friend, who was taking his boat home after breaking six ribs during a Southern Ocean knock-down that forced his retirement from the Globe Challenge race the previous year.

Above them was a Chilean film crew charged with capturing Golding's moment of triumph. As they flew in from the north, *Group 4's* radio crackled "I see you ahead. I see you. Over." Golding rushed up on deck but could see or hear nothing. It was some minutes before the truth dawned. The plane was circling the wrong yacht. "It's not me. Over" Golding shouted into his radio as the batteries faded. "But yes. I see you. Over" was the excited response from the Chilean pilot. "Oh No you don't" Golding retorted just as his radio died.

Once into the Pacific, Golding suffered auto-pilot problems came close to forcing him to throw in the towel. Just when things looked to be at their bleakest, Knox-Johnston, a master of mend-and-make-do, came on the radio. Not only did the master mariner gee up Golding. He also asked him: "Why restrict yourself to a 180-day target? You can go much faster." He did, completing the voyage in 161 days.

☐ *Beyond Jules Verne*, by Robin Knox-Johnston (Hodder and Stoughton, £16.99).
☐ *Mike Golding — No Law, No God — The fastest solo circumnavigation against the winds and currents*, by Mike Golding (Hodder and Stoughton, £16.99).

BARRY PICKTHALL

Hill changes gears and steers clear of the clichés

MOTOR RACING



Hill: best view of all

JUST as he managed to wrest the BBC sports personality of the year award away from those who were expected to win, so Damon Hill has emerged as the subject of the most compelling motor racing book of the year as the market floods with a welter of end-of-season eulogies to Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher.

It is easy to understand the preoccupation of authors with the late Brazilian three-time world champion and the young German many consider to be his natural successor. But Hill, as Senna's last team-mate and Schumacher's main challenger throughout a turbulent season, had the best view as the dramas unfolded.

All too often, the worth of such a privileged vantage point disappears in clichés and platitudes when a sportsman attempts to record them in print. But *Damon Hill's Grand Prix Year* assiduously avoids those pitfalls to provide the most compelling account of a tragic year for the sport.

The book would be worth the price for some of Jon Nicholson's superb photographs alone. One study, taken a few hours before Senna's death during the San Marino Grand Prix, shows Hill sharing a joke with the team's race engineers. Senna, still shocked by the death of Roland Ratzenberger the day before, is smiling, but it is a bitter, sad smile.

When you can drag yourself away from the images, the words are equally fascinating. Hill is capable of clever writing without outside help, but in this instance he was given the expert assistance of Maurice Hamilton, the motor racing correspondent of *The Observer*. Between them, they have produced a taut, incisive memoir of the season, packed with insights about Hill's sometimes stormy relationship with Frank Williams and Patrick Head, an altercation with David Coulthard, the impact of Senna's death and the battle with Schumacher.

Timothy Collings's biography of Schumacher, the world champion, is the best of the offerings on the young German.

However, the next best buy after Hill's grand prix year is another book fashioned by Hamilton. *Race Without End* charts the struggle of the fast-rising Jordan team to consolidate its position in Formula One during 1993. It benefits from the rare humour and openness that characterises Eddie Jordan, the team owner, and his employees.

☐ *Damon Hill's Grand Prix Year* (Macmillan, £20).
☐ *Schumacher, the Life of the New Formula One Champion*, by Timothy Collings (Bloomsbury, £14.99).
☐ *Race Without End*, by Maurice Hamilton (Patrick Stephens Ltd, £15.99).

OLIVER HOLT

Scott helps Kings make light of Pow's departure

By Norman de Mesquita

PETERBOROUGH Pirates and Milton Keynes Kings had much in common when they met in the British ice hockey league in Peterborough. Both had been beaten heavily at home the previous evening and both were in desperate need of points, with only the woeful Bracknell Bees below them in the premier division table. The Kings prevailed 7-3.

The game was fast and furious, but, unfortunately, the inexperience of the referee led to a number of incidents which might have been avoided. Matters came to a head early in the second period when Lee Pow, of the Kings, was ejected from the game after striking an opponent with his stick.

His loss did not affect the Kings unduly, however, and they won comfortably thanks to five goals from Patrick Scott and some outstanding goaltending by Scott O'Connor. The Pirates missed Dale Jago, their leading player, who broke a thumb on Saturday and could be out of action for a month.

Nottingham Panthers had the weekend off and were able to watch the pursuing pack continue beating each other. Fife Flyers followed their easy win at Peterborough by going down 4-0 to Sheffield Steelers, for whom Martin McKay gained his fourth shut-out of the season.

Cardiff Devils moved up to fourth with easy wins over Edinburgh Racers and Bracknell Bees. Hilton Ruggles had an outstanding weekend, playing a part in 17 of the Devils' 30 goals.

Telford Tigers are beginning to show signs of strain in their attempts to keep pace with Slough Jets at the top of the first division.

Although they gained a comfortable win over Solihull Barons on Sunday, the Tigers lost at home to Medway Bears on Saturday, and, with the Jets gaining two wins — over Trafford Metros and the Bears — the teams are now level on points, but Slough have two games in hand.

INA FASSBENDER



Möller, left, and Kirsten, of Germany, are put under pressure by Shulka, of Albania, in their European championship qualifying tie

Boast rebounds on Beckenbauer

ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football



DOES *Der Kaiser* eat humble pie for Christmas? Last Friday, forgoing his customary charm for arrogance, Franz Beckenbauer wrote in *Bild*, the German newspaper, that his imperious nation should not be made to waste its time playing "stupid" matches against minnows like Moldavia or Albania.

Ouch. He waited 48 hours and winced as Germany overcame Albania 2-1 in their European championship qualifying tie in Kaiserslautern, thanks to an early penalty from Lothar Mathäus, the ageing captain playing his 123rd international.

Beckenbauer, by now hearing the derision of the German crowd towards its struggling team, had been presumptuous in his call on Uefa, the governing body of European football, to "stop these stupid games" and oblige such small nations as Albania to be made to qualify among themselves. "Sure, we have to help these countries," Beckenbauer, who as a player in 1974 and as a coach in 1990 had led Germany to the ultimate prize in football, the World Cup, said condescendingly. But his help was of the most demeaning kind. "We should be sending them money," he said.

Beckenbauer, who had used this column in *Bild* in the past to criticise Jupp Derwall, and thus take his job as national team trainer, forgot not only humility but also the cliché that translates in any language: be kind to people on the way up, for you might meet them on the way down.

Now president of Bayern Munich, Beckenbauer is removed from the international arena on which he pontificates. But he must remember 1967, when Albania held the mighty Germany to a scoreless draw and thus eliminated Beckenbauer and his teammates from the European championship, the only finals for which Germany have failed to qualify.

If the old libero's memory had dimmed on that one, how could he have overlooked that, in Tirana just a month ago, Germany had squeezed a similar 2-1 victory over the Albanians. Then, as a couple of days ago, they rode their luck. In the dying moments, Ledio Pano had struck the German post from a free kick. So, belittle them all ye may, the emerging nations are rising. Wales, in the same qualifying group as Germany, can tell of the spirit of the Moldavians and the Georgians.

As Beckenbauer well knows, having been such an inventor on the field, history runs in cycles. The Belgians, an ageing but stubborn team throughout the main championships of recent decades, may just be falling off their bikes. A month ago, without Philippe Albert, the injured Newcastle United defender, they were humbled in a 1-1 draw by Macedonia. Albert then said that he was happier playing for Newcastle than Belgium, that the national call was an obligation rather than a pleasure.

Sunday revealed why. Once again, on their own turf, the Belgians were taken apart, destroyed 4-1 by Spain. At once, Franky van der Elst announced that, at 33, he recognised he had run his last for his country, and Michel D'Hooge, the Belgian federation president, suggested that he should not retire alone.

The Belgians can at least claim that they were turned over by a Spanish team that has found new blood and new impetus. Nadal Donato, galvanising the midfield just as he had in the 3-0 victory over Denmark last month, is 31. He was born a Brazilian, and has waited virtually a player's lifetime to be allowed to show his paces in his adopted country.

More potential new faces and new blood for the 1996 European championship finals play for Israel. After years in a wilderness of being allowed to compete neither in Asia nor Europe, the Israelis were given a right of passage to the European qualifiers this time. They are joint leaders of group one, ahead of France and Poland, the equals on paper with Romania.

Israel drew 1-1 against Romania in Tel Aviv a week ago. Their strikers, Ronnie Rosenthal and Ronen Harazi, showed more comfort and more technique against the Romanians than England had done at Wembley recently.

But the game is not always so clean-cut, nor confined to Europe. From Kuala Lumpur, the dossier on alleged match-fixing has risen over the weekend to 41 Malaysian players arrested. It is said that the police have a list of many more. "Football fans pay to see thrilling games, not matches that have been fixed," a senior state politician and football official said. And a happy Christmas to you, sir.

Bills lose super status after crushing defeat

By Robert Kirley

AFTER manhandling the American Football Conference (AFC) only to fail in the Super Bowl the past four seasons, the Buffalo Bills have become, at last, just another National Football League club.

Rickey Reynolds returned a fumble 25 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter on Sunday to highlight a prolific second half that enabled the New England Patriots to beat the Bills 41-17. With one week remaining in the regular season, the defeat made certain that the Bills would miss the play-offs and not have an opportunity to atone for — or continue — their record of championship futility in Super Bowl XXIX in Miami on January 29.

The Patriots' best performance of the season produced their sixth successive victory. With nine wins and six defeats, they have recorded their first successful campaign in six years, and they have emerged as a potential force in the play-offs — assuming they get there. When the Bills walked off the field, they had not been eliminated from the play-offs; however, they were when Kansas City beat Houston three hours later.

"I don't think Buffalo have received the credit or respect they deserve," Bill Parcells, the coach, said after his Patriots had taken a share of first place in the AFC East with Miami. Parcells led the New York Giants to Super Bowl success in 1987 and 1991, the latter in the Bills' first appearance in the big game.

After leading 14-0 and 17-3, the Bills surrendered 38 consecutive points. The Patriots made it 17-17 at half-time through Drew Bledsoe's four-yard pass to Ben Coates and his seven-yarder to Vincent Brisby. Bledsoe completed 22 of 31 for 276 yards and three touchdowns. In the second half, Buffalo committed five turnovers, the first of which yielded Reynolds's touchdown.

With Buffalo out of the play-off picture, the team that will replace them could be Pittsburgh, who clinched the AFC Central title and the home-field advantage in the conference play-offs with a win over Cleveland. The San Diego Chargers wrapped up the AFC West title after failing to do so in two previous games.

Cleveland and Miami might be ready to sparkle, even though they were both defeated on Sunday. The Dolphins have a place in the play-offs, but failed to claim the AFC East title on Sunday by falling to Indianapolis. Cleveland must settle for a wild card.

New England, the Los Angeles Raiders and Kansas City are vying for two remaining play-off positions in the AFC. New England would have clinched a post-season berth on Sunday if Seattle had defeated the Raiders, which the Seahawks would have done if John Kasay's 43-yard field-goal attempt had been good at the final gun.

Even if the Patriots are beaten by the Bears in Chicago on Saturday, they will earn a wild card if the Raiders beat Kansas City. However, if Kansas City win and New England lose, the Patriots will be out and the Chiefs and Raiders will be in.

Six teams are in contention for four play-off positions in the National Football Conference (NFC). The maddest dash is in the NFC Central, where Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago and Green Bay all have their chances. Arizona and the New York Giants, both from the NFC East, round out the play-off hopefuls.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Week 16: Green Bay 21 Atlanta 17; Chicago 27 LA Rams 13; New England 41 Buffalo 17; San Diego 21 NY Jets 6; Tampa Bay 17 Washington 14; Indianapolis 10 Miami 6; Arizona 28 Cincinnati 7, Kansas City 31 Houston 9; NY Giants 16 Philadelphia 13; Pittsburgh 17 Cleveland 7; LA Raiders 17 Seattle 16.

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Miami†	9	6	362	307
New England	9	6	338	309
Buffalo	7	8	331	348
Indianapolis	7	8	297	311
NY Jets	6	9	254	296
Central division				
Pittsburgh*	12	3	282	197
Cleveland†	10	5	305	195
Cincinnati	2	13	243	376
Houston	1	14	202	342
West division				
San Diego*	10	5	344	272
LA Raiders	9	6	294	308
Kansas City	8	7	300	289
Denver	7	8	319	366
Seattle	6	9	278	288

* won division † won play-off berth

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas*	11	3	380	217
Arizona	8	7	229	257
NY Giants	8	7	264	285
Philadelphia	7	8	278	275
Washington	2	13	298	391
Central division				
Detroit	9	6	337	315
Minnesota	9	6	335	300
Chicago	9	6	288	294
Green Bay	8	7	348	288
Tampa Bay	6	9	232	317
West division				
San Francisco*	13	2	491	275
New Orleans	6	8	302	355
Atlanta	6	9	307	379
LA Rams	4	11	265	341

☐ Late last night: Dallas at New Orleans.

FIXTURES: Week 17: Saturday: Arizona at Atlanta; Buffalo at Indianapolis; Dallas at NY Giants; Green Bay at Tampa Bay; N England at Chicago; Philadelphia at Cincinnati; Seattle at Cleveland; Kansas City at LA Raiders; New Orleans at Denver; NY Jets at Houston; Pittsburgh at San Diego; Washington at LA Rams. Sunday: Detroit at Miami. Monday: San Francisco at Minnesota.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	3	10	thin	poor	closed	cloud	-2	16/12
(Very limited skiing though snow forecast)								
Mayrhofen	0	10	closed	closed	closed	fair	-2	14/12
(Only Hintertux glacier skiable at the moment)								
Obergurgl	10	30	fair	varied	art	cloud	-4	14/12
(Good skiing available; snow forecast)								
Söll	3	15	worn	closed	closed	cloud	0	16/12
(One piste open above Söll; snow forecast)								
St Anton	5	70	fair	varied	closed	cloud	1	14/12
(Piste conditions reasonably good; 16 of 32 lifts open)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	5	90	fair	varied	art	snow	-6	19/12
(Fresh snow improving open runs but sharp edges needed)								
Les Arcs	15	120	fair	heavy	closed	snow	-2	19/12
(Upper runs giving good skiing; Arc 2000 best)								
Chamonix	0	50	closed	varied	closed	snow	2	19/12
(Skiing available only by hiring mountain guide)								
Courchevel	10	75	fair	varied	art	snow	-1	19/12
(Fresh snow on hard-packed, icy base)								
Flaine	5	80	fair	closed	closed	snow	-3	19/12
(Skiing limited to one open piste; resort very quiet)								
La Plagne	10	90	fair	varied	poor	snow	-2	19/12
(Good skiing on glacier; thin cover elsewhere)								
Megève	0	10	closed	closed	closed	snow	0	19/12
(Some lifts opening tomorrow, snow permitting)								
Tignes	30	95	good	varied	fair	snow	-3	19/12
(Excellent piste skiing on fresh snow)								
Val Thorens	45	90	good	varied	good	snow	-5	19/12
(Fresh snow on firm base; good skiing; 19 of 30 lifts open)								
SWITZERLAND								
Verbier	10	80	fair	varied	closed	snow	-2	19/12
(Conditions improving; resort still very quiet)								
Wengen	0	0	closed	closed	closed	snow	2	19/12
(Railway open to Kleine Scheidegg for walkers; no skiing)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

LUSHER

(a) One who is excessively self-indulgent, especially one who drinks excessively. 1895 G. Meredith *Amazing Marriage*: "The suspicion cast on the dreary lusher was the wife's wild shot at her husband."

JAZZETRY

(c) The reading aloud of poetry accompanied by jazz; a recital of poetry accompanied by jazz. "A large crowd assembled for the jazzetry, and boy did it work when you heard that hybrid art form."

POODLE-FAKER

(b) A man who cultivates female society, especially for the purpose of professional advancement. A ladies' man, a socialite, or a young newly commissioned officer. 1918 Tafrail *Watch Below*: "The ladies' men or 'poodle-fakers', as we called them, had their tea-parties, dinner-parties, and dances more often than was good for them."

PELONG

(b) A kind of material used for gowns in southern India. 1687 *Charter to Fort St. George*: "The said mayor and alderman may always upon such solemn occasions wear scarlet serge gowns all made after one form or fashion."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Be4!; 2. Qxb3 cxb3; 3. Kc1 Nc4 and the triumphant march of the b-pawn ensues.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Utah 101 Milwaukee 98, New Jersey 103 Miami 102, Portland 111 New York 87.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	17	5	.773	—
New York	12	9	.571	4½
Boston	10	13	.435	7½
New Jersey	10	15	.400	8½
Philadelphia	8	14	.364	9
Washington	6	13	.316	9½
Miami	6	15	.286	10½
Central division				
Indiana	14	6	.700	—
Cleveland	14	8	.636	1
Charlotte	12	10	.545	3
Chicago	11	10	.524	3½
Detroit	9	12	.429	5½
Atlanta	9	14	.391	6½
Milwaukee	7	14	.333	7½

Western Conference

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	8	.667	—
Houston	13	8	.619	1½
Dallas	11	8	.579	2½
Denver	11	9	.550	3
San Antonio	11	9	.550	3
Minnesota	5	17	.227	10
Pacific division				
Phoenix	17	5	.773	—
Seattle	14	7	.667	2½
LA Lakers	13	8	.619	3½
Portland	11	9	.550	5
Sacramento	11	10	.524	5½
Golden State	8	14	.364	9
LA Clippers	3	19	.136	14

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 88 (Samuels 23, Lloyd 22) Worthing 71 (Harried 22, Irish 20), Leopards 88 (Brown 23, Politt 20, Youngblood 15) Derby 78 (Semon 23, Belka 17, McKinney 16); Sheffield 82 (Cauthom 24) Chester 68.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	16	15	1	1195	1024	30
Thames Valley	17	13	4	1549	1369	26
Leopards	18	12	6	1622	1450	24
London	16	11	5	1366	1181	22
Manchester	13	11	2	1120	914	22
Doncaster	12	9	3	1014	929	18
Worthing	14	8	6	1262	1208	16
Birmingham	16	6	10	1294	1292	12
Hemel	18	4	14	1403	1711	8
Derby	12	3	9	953	1011	6
Leicester	15	3	12	1078	1228	6
Sunderland	15	2	13	1076	1469	4
Chester	14	1	13	1112	1258	2

BOWLS

DYNEFWR: Welsh inter-district championship: West bt East 97-92 (16-6). Scores (West first). G Jones 12, C Lewis 16; J Price 19 B Relland 15; M Bishop 10 S Wilshire 16; R Burden 21 M Chard 15; M Watts 23 R Williams 11; I Terry 12 M Jenkins 19. Central bt North 132-99 (18-6). Scores (Central first). N Leigh 32 W Pugh 11; D Wilkins 40 P Hipwell 11, G Williams 15 J Hunt 13; P Rowlands 17 R Jones 20; A Atwood 13 R Weale 22; B Pycroft 15 D Weale 21.

YSTRAD: Greengauge Welsh inter-club championship: Rhondda bt Cardiff 119-113 (16-6; at Pontypridd); Taff Ely bt Merthyr Tydfil 117-112 (16-6; at Cwmbran); Torfaen bt Vale of Glamorgan 146-77 (22-0; at Llandrindod Wells). Radnorshire bt Bro Dyfi 146-101 (22-0).

SUN LIFE WESSEX LEAGUE: Dorchester bt Bridport 128-61 (16-0). Dolphin bt Isle of Purbeck 92-60 (13-3), Moonfleet bt Wellworthy 100-72 (12-4); Yeovil bt Stour Vale 79-75 (14-2); Gloucester bt Bromsgrove 84-72 (12-4); Chipping Norton bt Malvern Hills 86-70 (14-2); Clevedon bt Northavon 89-68 (14-2), British Cellophane bt Bridgewater 88-67 (14-2); Street bt Donyatt 84-72 (14-2)

ATHERLEY TROPHY (women's indoor county championship): First round: Northumberland 95 Yorkshire 149; Durham 99 Cumbria 117; Lincolnshire 144 Nottinghamshire 85; Humberside 118 Lancashire 114, Cambridgeshire 150 Suffolk 103; Norfolk 138 Essex 107; Northamptonshire 109 Leicestershire 104; Hertfordshire 117 Middlesex 94; Bedfordshire 116 Oxfordshire 124, Buckinghamshire w o Gloucestershire scr; Berkshire 127 Sussex 112; Dorset 122 Hampshire 117, Somerset 119 Cornwall 104.

CRICKET

DEVONPORT, Australia: Tour match (second day of three): Tasmania 257-5 dec (R Tucker 78 not out, D Hills 50); Zimbabwe 141-3 (G W Flower 59).

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (final day of four). Adelaide: South Australia 428 and 203-4 dec (J Brayshaw 73 not out); New South Wales 245 and 129 (S George 4-41). South Australia won by 257 runs. Perth: Victoria 342 and 161; Western Australia 234 and 241 (T Moody 81; Shane Warne 4-64) Victoria won by by 28 runs.

CASTLE CUP: Cape Town (final day of four): Western Province 500-8 dec. Boland 206 and 271 (K Curran 73, S Nackerdien 54, L Ferreira 52, D Rundle 5-76). Western Province won by an innings and 23 runs. Johannesburg (third day of four) Natal 339 and 244; Transvaal 162 and 172-8 (D Laing 60 not out). Bloemfontein (third day of four): Border 380 and 169-5. Orange Free State 294 (G Liebenberg 126, C Craven 63, O Gibson 5-96).

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 1 Crystal Palace 1.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff 14 Bracknell 8, Durham 4 Basingstoke 4; Peterborough 3 Milton Keynes 7; Sheffield 4 Fife 0; Whitley Bay 2 Edinburgh 13. First division: Blackburn 18 Teesside 4; Guildford 12 Lee Valley 5, Medway 5 Slough 8; Paisly 8 Swindon 6; Solihull 4 Telford 8, *Trafford 15 Dumfries 9*

MOSCOW: Izvestia Cup: Group A: Russia bt Italy 8-1, Czech Republic bt Sweden 3-2; Finland bt France 9-0. Group B: Norway bt *Switzerland 4-0*

LUGE

CALGARY: World Cup: Men: Singles: 1, J Muller (Ger) 1min 32.140sec (46.024sec, 46.116); 2, M Prock (Austria) 1:32.214 (46.084, 46.130); 3, W Huber (It) 1:32.269 (46.091, 46.178), 4, N Huber (It) 1:32.356 (46.233, 46.123), 5, L Dolan (US) 1:32.365 (46.263, 46.123), 6, M Kleinhanz (Austria) 1:32.501 (46.310, 46.191). World Cup positions: 1, Prock 172pts; 2, Muller 143; 3, A Zoggeler (It) 134; 4, W Huber 131; 5, G Gleirscher (Austria) 125; 6, W Suckow (US) 122. Pairs: 1, S Krause and J Behrendt (Ger) 1min 30.451sec (45.234sec, 45.217); 2, K Brugger and W Hubert (I) 1:30.630 (45.298, 45.332); 3, C Thorpe and G Sheer (US); 1:30.774 (45.322, 45.452); 4, G Plankensteiner and O Haselrieder (It) 1:31.077 (45.472, 45.605), 5, T Schiegl M Schiegl (Austria) 1:31.127 (45.570, 45.557). World Cup positions: 1, Krausse and Behrendt 91pts; 2, Brugger and Huber 84; 3, Thorpe and Sheer 81; 4, Y Mankel and T Rudolph (Ger) 61; 5, Plankensteiner and Haselrieder 58; 6, A Demchenko and A Zalenski (Russ) 37. Women: Singles 1, G Kohlisch (Ger) 1min 30.565sec (45.332sec, 45.233), 2, J Bode (Ger); 1:30.696 (45.392, 45.304); 3, S Erdmann (Ger); 1:0.765 (45,437, 45.328); 4, S Otto (Ger). 1:30.856 (45.249, 45.607), 5, G Weissensteiner (It, 45.576, 45.528); 6, N Oblarcher (It), 1:31.182 (45.612, 45.570). World Cup positions: 1, Otto 102pts, 2, Bode 90; 3, Kohlisch 86, 4, Weissensteiner 76. 5, A Neuner (Austria) 69; 6, N Yakuschenko (Ukr) 59.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British public schools championship: Foster Cup (seniors): First round: R Carter (Rugby) J Pyemont (Tonbridge) 15-1, ret; J Wigan (Eton) bt D Kinder (Wellington) 15-12, 10-15, 15-10, 15-8, D Stahl (Haileybury) bt M Perry (Wellington) 15-12, 10-15, 15-10, 15-4, D Parday (Tonbridge) bt H Evans (Harrow) 15-5, 15-11, 17-14; N Bailey (Eton) bt M Hardinges (Malvern) 15-1, 15-4, 15-6. Quarter-finals: Carter bt Liverton (Cheltenham) 15-11, 11-15, 15-5, 15-3. Incledon-Webber Cup (colts). Semi-finals: G Smith-Bingham (Eton) bt T Gordon (Tonbridge) 15-0, 15-9, 15-2, R Palmer (Haileybury) bt B Doan (Radley) 3-15, 8-15, 15-5, 15-10, 15-8. Jim Dear Cup (junior colts). Semi-finals: D Cherry (Tonbridge) bt M Farmiloe (Haileybury) 12-15, 15-8, 15-3. A Titchener-Barrett (Harrow) bt O Broom (Radley) 15-10, 8-15, 18-15. Final: A Titchener-Barrett (Harrow) bt D Cherry (Tonbridge) 15-7, 15-12.

SKIING

SESTRIERE: World Cup: Slalom: Women: 1, V Schneider (Switz) 47.69sec; 2, K Koren (Slovenia) 48.18; 3, P Wiberg (Swe) 48.52; 4, *P Chauvet (Fra); 48.62*; 5, S Pretnar (Slovenia) 48.70, 6, A Coberger (NZ) 48.80; 7, U Hroval (Slovenia) 48.97; 8, E Eder (Austria) 48.99; 9, M Galizio (It) 49.07, 10, S Egger (Austria) 49.16, 11, B Filliol (Fr) 49.19; 12, M Kjoerstad (Nor) 49.27; 13, G Zingre-Graf (Switz) 49.50; 14, K Andersson (Swe) 49.56; 15, A Wachter (Austria) 49.72; 16, E Mutter (Ger) 49.76; 17, R Serra (It) 49.79; 18 M Ertl (Ger) 49.80; 19, K Seizinger (Ger) 49.81; 20, M Maierhofer (Austria) 49.83.

SWIMMING

AYR: Hind Scottish national championships: Women: 200m freestyle: A Pendrich (Borough of Waltham Forest) 2min 15.36sec. 100m backstroke: A Sheppard (City of Glasgow) 1:03.90. 100m breaststroke: F Campbell (Carnegie) 1:12.42. 200m butterfly: G Leader (Stockport Metro) 2:21.17. 400m individual medley: K Burke (Cockermouth) 4:59.76. 100m freestyle: A Sheppard (City of Glasgow) 56.84sec. 400m freestyle: A Pendrich (Waltham Forest) 2min 25.18sec. Backstroke: 200m: N Steel (Aberdeen) 2:20.35. Butterfly: 200m: K Mann (Stirling) 1.02.17 (Scottish record). Breaststroke: 200m: F Campbell (Carnegie) 2:34.39. Medley relay: 4 x 50m relay: Cumbernauld 2:05.64. 4 x 50m freestyle relay: Stirling 1:51.93

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Women's tournament: *First round: S Bentley (Surrey) bt S Goldschmidt (Surrey) 6-1, 6-0*; H Richardson (Northants) bt R Wright (Middx) 6-2, 6-1; J Boden (Surrey) bt L Moren (Kent) 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; L Ogan (War) bt S Turner (Sussex) 6-2, 6-3; M Mair (Scot) bt N Searle (Norfolk) 6-0, 6-1, S Durham (Sussex) w/o Z Melks (Essex) scr. K Warne-Holland (Ches) bt A Janes (Essex) 6-4, 6-4; L Austin (Sussex) bt L Wilding (Surrey) 6-1, 7-6; I Wyatt (Oxon) bt C Herbert (Herts) 6-1, 6-4, J Dawson (Sussex) bt L Herbert (Herts) 7-5, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

GM Vauxhall Conference
Halifax v Runcorn (7.45)
Northwich v Kidderminster (7.45)
Stalybridge v Gateshead (7.45)

Bob Lord Trophy
Quarter-final
Kettering v Woking (7.45)

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: First round: Spennymoor v Guiseley; Frickley v Boston. Unifilla first division Cup: Second round: Warrington v Caernarfon. Second round replay: Curzon Ashton v Ashton United.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon v Aylesbury. Third division: Camberley v Flackwell Heath. Carlsberg Cup: Second round: Walton and Hersham v Abingdon Town.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gloucester v Gresley. Dr Martens Cup: Second round replay: Weymouth v Havant Town. Third round: Cheltenham v Dorchester. Third round replay: Hastings Town v Margate.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Taunton.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First *division: Corinthian v Folkestone Invicta*. Thamesmead v Tunbridge Wells

UNIJET SUSSEX LEAGUE: First division: Oakwood v Crowborough Athletic. Ringmer v Newhaven

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Chadderton. Challenge Cup: Second *round: Bradford Park Avenue v Bacup.*

EAST ANGLIAN CUP: Second round: Hadleigh v Felixstowe. Second round replay: Walton v Somersham.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard v Diss; Newmarket v Haverhill.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bournemouth v Bemerton Heath Har. Christchurch v Petersfield.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Charlton; Swindon v Millwall. Watford v Brighton (2.0). League Cup: Plymouth v Bournemouth

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Derby v West Bromwich; Leeds v Blackburn (at Elland Road, Leeds); Liverpool v Notts County. Second division: Bradford v Leicester City, Grimsby v Oldham, Sheffield Wednesday v Birmingham City (at Rotherham FC).

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Coventry City v Middlesbrough; Sheffield Utd v York City; Sunderland v Doncaster Rovers, Tottenham Hotspur v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Wimbledon v Ipswich Town.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy
Third round
Dewsbury v Castleford (7.30)
Third round replay
St Helens v Batley (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British flyweight championship: Francis Ampofo (Bethnal Green, holder) v Darren Fifield (Oxford) (York Hall).

TENNIS: Women's LTA Christmas tour*nament (Queen's Club).*

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LEGAL NOTICES

NO.00731 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF BRAXTON ASSOCIATES LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on 2nd December 1994 for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company.

AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LA on Wednesday 11th January 1995.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company planning to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 20th day of December 1994
Gregsons
St Christopher's House
Tabor Grove
Wimbledon
SW19 4EX
Solicitors for the above named Company

CALLBASIC LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on 18th January 1995 at 10.00am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a liquidation committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.
NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated 16 December 1994
Philip W Arkless
Secretary

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Colonel Doughty-Wylie Fund
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number MOT/246614A/1/CD(Ldn1).

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Baron Cleaning Services Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held on the 2nd Floor, 17 St Ann's Square, Manchester M2 7PW on 3rd January 1995 at Noon for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act lists of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at Stephen Conn & Co., 2nd Floor, 17 St Ann's Square, Manchester M2 7PW on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
Dated 16th December 1994.
A MOORWOOD
Director

KINGSTON GEOLOGICAL SERVICES (OFFSHORE) LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address:
Domonic House, 171-177 London Rd, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 6PA.
Company Number 2160686
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 5 December 1994 D L Morgan was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference:- JRDS/EMS
Touche Ross & Co
63 High Street
Crawley
West Sussex
RH10 1BQ

In the High Court
No.004634 of 1994
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HPCC BUS GARAGE PROJECT STEERING GROUP LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being wound up compulsorily, are required on or before 13th January 1995 to send in their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to ROGER WILLIAM CORK of MOORE STEPHENS, ST PAULS HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON EC4P 4BN, the Liquidator of the company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are, by their solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distributions made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 13th day of December 1994
ROGER W. CORK
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF LUAH SNART LIMITED (FORMERLY TRANS HAUL LIMITED)
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 15 December 1994, I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Nil House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
J Y Venvil
Dated this 15th December 1994.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Comet Freight Services Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD on 5 January 1995 at 11.15 a.m., for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Creditors wishing to vote at a meeting (unless attending in person) must lodge a proxy at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD no later than noon on 4 January 1995.
A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD between 10 am and 5 pm during the two days next before the meeting.
Dated this 14 day of December 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A. Thomas, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 4784 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
BT PUBLICATIONS LTD (IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr John Andrew Talbot and Mr Martin Fishman, Chartered Accountants of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 7 December 1994.
Dated this 14 day of December 1994
John Talbot and Martin Fishman
Joint Liquidators

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Doumen revels in sterling victories

By Julian Muscat

FRANÇOIS DOUMEN added a new chapter to his love affair with the domestic jumping scene when he saddled Val D'Alene to secure an easy victory in hock-deep ground at Lingfield yesterday.

The seven-year-old could hardly have been more impressive on his first sight of British fences, in the process providing Doumen with much encouragement for his two-pronged assault on the King George VI Tripleprint Chase on Monday. Algan and The Fellow, twice a previous winner and third last year, are among 15 declarations for the Kempton showpiece.

Val D'Alene's presence at Lingfield owed everything to future plans. Doumen has his eye on two valuable handicaps at Uttoxeter and this victory, under automatic top-weight, entitles his horse to be officially assessed by Christopher Mordaunt, the senior National Hunt handicapper.

Should Val D'Alene win both the Singer and Friedlander National Trial, on February 11, and the Tetley Bitter Midlands National, on March 18, he would earn connections a £100,000 bonus by finishing in the first four in the Martell Grand National itself.

A Uttoxeter double would offer Doumen the perfect carrot with which to tempt Marc de Monfort, the horse's owner, to cast aside his reservations about the stiff Aintree fences.

Corals, in quoting Val D'Alene at 25-1 for the Grand National, obviously perceive Doumen as a diplomat of some standing. "He did all that we wanted today although obviously he needs more experience of your fences," Doumen said. "He found the pace too slow but he respected everything. Adam Kondrat rode him very well."

Kondrat, whose first British winner this was since he landed the Gold Cup aboard The Fellow in March, can expect a sterling effort from the same horse in the King George next week. Doumen spoke positively about The Fellow, whom he described as short of his peak when third behind Barton Bank and Bradbury Star 12 months ago. "The horse is probably better this year," the trainer ventured. "Last year he had a dirty nose four weeks before the race but this time he is very well. He's my main chance but the Gold Cup is his target."

Doumen described Algan, his second representative, as "a solid stayer, if only a handicapper in France. He's a secure jumper and improving, so he could be a Grand National horse if we can get him handicapped." Both horses are to school over the Kempton fences on their arrival later this week.

As Richard Dunwoody extended his jockeys' title lead over Adrian Maguire with a near 40-1 treble, Nigel Twiston-Davies committed Earth Summit and Dakyns Boy to the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow. Tom Jenks will ride whichever is rejected by David Bridgwater.

The danger of staging two valuable three-mile chases on the same afternoon was illustrated yesterday when only six were declared for the Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Four of them — Cogent, Jodami, Monsieur Le Cure and One Man — are also engaged in the King George. Only One Man is committed to Wetherby at this stage.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MARINER'S AIR (3.15 Hereford)
Next best: Saffaah (1.15 Hereford)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Doumen, right, greets The Fellow after the second of his two King George VI Chase victories at Kempton Park two years ago

SPORT IN BRIEF

Two hospitalised with rugby neck injuries

TWO rugby union players suffered serious neck injuries in separate matches over the weekend and are now in hospital. In the first, Nick Cave, from Letchworth Garden City, was taken by helicopter from Sudbury to the Royal London hospital in Whitechapel, on Saturday after what is understood to have been a collapsed maul during the game with Wasps' third XV.

The second injury occurred on Sunday during an under-21 county championship match between Oxfordshire and Dorset and Wiltshire at Shrivenham. Chris Staples, the Oxford hooker, was taken to Stoke Mandeville hospital, which specialises in spinal injuries, and the match was abandoned. Another game, between Winnington Park and Liverpool St Helens, was also abandoned on Saturday after another incident in which a neck injury occured. The player concerned, from Liverpool St Helens, was not seriously hurt, however.

Form points to Fifield

BOXING: The year ends with a potentially exciting double flyweight championship bout between Francis Ampofo, of Bethnal Green, and Daren Fifield, of Oxford, at York Hall, Bethnal Green, London, tonight (Srikumar Sen writes). Ampofo, the British champion, is a forward-moving boxer and Fifield, who holds the Commonwealth title, is a non-stop boxer-puncher. A win for Ampofo would give him back the title he had to vacate in 1993 after failing a medical; a victory for Fifield will give him the first notch on a Lonsdale belt. Ampofo's aggressive style seems to point to a victory on points or a stoppage, but after Fifield's performance against Luigi Camputaro, when he took the tough Italian all the way, he looks the more likely to succeed, probably on points.

Cooper returns to fray

RUGBY LEAGUE: After securing a 22-22 draw in the final minute of their Regal Trophy third-round match against Batley on Sunday, St Helens hope to advance to the quarter-finals, and an away tie against Wigan, at the expense of the second division club in the replay at Knowsley Road tonight. Shane Cooper, the St Helens captain, should be available after missing the first match due to injury, but Chris Joynt, the Great Britain second-row forward, is doubtful. Dewsbury and Castleford, the holders, also meet tonight, with a tie at Leeds at stake.

Grant celebrated

HOCKEY: The All England Women's Hockey Association centenary celebrations have received a welcome boost in the form of a £20,000 grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts (Alix Ramsay writes). The celebrations will be held in May in Sheffield, and most of the money will be used to finance four coaching clinics for schoolchildren from the Sheffield area, with the rest underwriting the under-16 and under-19 club championships. The highlight of the centenary weekend will be the international between England and Germany.

Brown given captaincy

GOLF: Clive Brown, the former Welsh amateur champion, has been appointed the captain of the Great Britain and Ireland team for the Walker Cup match against the United States at Royal Porthcawl in September. Brown, who has the task of trying to regain the trophy after Great Britain and Ireland's heavy defeat at Interlachen, Minnesota, in 1993, succeeds George Macgregor, who becomes the chairman of selectors. The rest of the selection committee is Basil Steer (England), David Carrick (Scotland), Rupert De Lacy Staunton (Ireland) and Jeffrey Toye (Wales).

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

12.15 WREN WARBLER (nap). 12.45 Stray Harmony. 1.15 Saffaah. 1.45 Duggan. 2.15 Man Of Mystery. 2.45 Rhoman Fun. 3.15 Just Rosie.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 General Chase.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

12.15 THYME MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,877: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 PP-0 ANOTHER RUDRY 34 (R Barwell) C Barwell 5-10-12 ... B Clifford –
2 3-4 COXWELL QUICK STEP 15 (M Allsopp) Miss H Knight 5-10-12 ... J Osborne –
3 0/44-5 GRAY ROSETTE 34 (G Thelwall Jones) A Bailey 5-10-12 ... T Kent 86
4 P/P ORIENTAL SONG 39 (Mrs B Neale) K Bridgwater 5-10-12 ... J Lodder –
5 45 PINCH 24 (Bloomsbury Stud) N Henderson 4-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
6 2- POPPEA 283 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody –
7 4-13 SEVSO 11 (BF,S) (Lord Northampton) D Nicholson 5-10-12 ... A Maguire –
8 00-F SHE KNEW THE RULES 28 (D Carey) D Carey 4-10-12 ... W McFarland –
9 03/12-6 TIP THE DOVE 17 (S) (C Price) C Price 5-10-12 ... R Davis 90
10 6-3 WREN WARBLER 39 (Mrs P Robeson) O Sherwood 4-10-12 ... M Richards 93

BETTING: 3-1 Wren Warbler, 4-1 Sevso, 5-1 Tip The Dove, Gray Rosette, Pinch, 6-1 Poppea, 7-1 Coxwell Quick Step, 33-1 others.

1993: ELAINE TULLY 5-10-12 Peter Hobbs (7-2) P Hobbs 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

COXWELL QUICK STEP 36l 4th of 14 to Duke's Mount in National Hunt Flat race at Ludlow (2m, soft). GRAY ROSETTE 27¾l 5th of 12 to Certainly Strong in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, good to soft). PINCH 39l 5th of 12 to Catlisoe Bay in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good to soft). POPPEA 2l 2nd of 13 to Fifth Symphony in National Hunt Flat race at Naas (2m, heavy). SEVSO 6l 3rd of 16 to Queen Of Spades in National Hunt Flat race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). TIP THE DOVE 50l 6th of 13 to Hops And Pops in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). WREN WARBLER 22l 3rd of 20 to Sorprevitale in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good), with ORIENTAL SONG pulled up before two out.
Selection: WREN WARBLER

12.45 THYME MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,863: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 5/50 BOLD REINE 26 (J Miller) A Sarrow 5-10-12 ... B Powell –
2 0 DIP THE LIGHTS 11 (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 4-10-12 ... F Leahy (5) –
3 000- FORBURIES 272 (C & R Bouston) A James 5-10-12 ... N Williamson –
4 60-P FRA'S GIRL 27 (Lady Susan Brooke) Lady Susan Brooke 6-10-12 ... Mr R Johnson (7) –
5 MERRY NOELLE (Mrs D Scott) E Owen jun 4-10-12 ... D J Burchell –
6 0000/P0 PEDE GALE 26 (J Wall) J McConnochie 6-10-12 ... A Maguire –
7 P0005P SHALHOLME 17 (T Price) T Price 4-10-12 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (5) –
8 00-00 STRAY HARMONY 39 (Winwood Connell) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-12 ... D Bridgwater –
9 THE HOLLOW (A Crichlon-Brown) T Foster 4-10-12 ... R Farrant –
10 003/P WILL IT LAST 48 (Mrs T Walshe) N Babbage 8-10-12 ... Philip Hughes (7) –

BETTING: 3-1 The Hollow, 7-2 Pede Gale, 4-1 Stray Harmony, 8-1 Fra's Girl, Merry Noelle, Will It Last, 12-1 others.

1993: ELAINE TULLY 5-10-12 Peter Hobbs (7-2) P Hobbs 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD REINE 48¼l 5th to Indian Arrow in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. FORBURIES 50l 15th to Smart Rookie in National Hunt Flat race at Worcester (2m, good). FRA'S GIRL best effort last season, 25¼l 6th to Certainly Strong in National Hunt Flat race at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). MERRY NOELLE, full sister to modest hurdler Merry Scorpion; dam fairly useful hurdler. PEDE GALE 36l 9th of 13 to Inchcailloch in novice handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good). SHALHOLME 21¼l 5th of 12 to Primoet in selling handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start. THE HOLLOW second foal of unraced dam; showed promise on her sole Irish point-to-point start this year.
No selection.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

1.15 CLOVES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,899: 2m) (5 runners)

1 6P1-531 SAFFAAH 22 (D,G,S) (Broadmeadow Racing) M Pipe 7-12-0 ... R Dunwoody 93
2 121643 ALAN BALL 22 (D,F,G,S) (J Powton) Miss S Wilton 8-11-6 ... N Williamson [illegible]
3 /3UG/2- SOUTHERN BUCK 332P (S) (G Maundrell) G Maundrell 11-11-2 ... Mr G Maundrell –
4 P-F6452 THATS THE LIFE 21 (D,BF,F,G) (A Dean) T George 9-10-8 ... A Maguire 95
5 4/F5F-54 CIRCULATION 28 (D,G,S) (J Singleton) D McCain 8-10-0 ... D Gallagher 97

Long handicap: Circulation 9-11

BETTING: 5-4 Saffaah, 5-2 Thats The Life, 4-1 Alan Ball, 5-1 Southern Buck, 12-1 Circulation

1993: GALAGAMES 6-10-5 B Powell (14-1) R Buckler 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAFFAAH beat Mister Oddy 6l in 4-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m, soft), with ALAN BALL (10lb better off) 30l 3rd. SOUTHERN BUCK 8l 2nd of 9 to Sunny Mount in open point-to-point at Barbury Castle (3m, good to soft). THATS THE LIFE 1¾l 2nd of 5 to Kanndabil in claiming chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good). CIRCULATION tailed off 4th of 5 to Society Guest in handicap chase at Nottingham (2m, good).
Selection: THATS THE LIFE (nap)

1.45 COWSLIP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,625: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 124410 SINGERS IMAGE 18 (B,F,G) (The Puritans) A Forte 5-11-10 ... G Tormey (3) 93
2 PPU/30 BARQAISH 48 (Arden Racing Club) M Barraclough 7-11-0 ... R Massey (3) [illegible]
3 00-4P CRUNCH TIME 17 (C Major) C Broad 5-11-0 ... P Maddock (5) –
4 3 DUGGAN 15 (C Booth) P Evans 7-11-0 ... A P McCoy 87
5 4224-64 FULL SHILLING 20 (A Shaw) K Burke 5-11-0 ... G Crone (3) 90
6 332/5-PP IL BAMBINO 5 (H Manners) H Manners 6-11-0 ... M Appleby (3) –
7 0/P2 MARAADY 14 (B) (G Enright) G Enright 5-11-0 ... D Leahy 92
8 P-U54 MOGWAI 15 (The Spoof Racing Team) M Meade 5-11-0 ... G Hogan (3) 75
9 0-00 BUNNER BE GOOD 8 (J Cresswell) J Cresswell 4-10-9 ... T Eley 80
10 6FP-P SOUTH BAR 8 (Mrs M Greenway) V Greenway 9-10-9 ... P McLoughlin –
11 30/0P-P STATE LADY 22 (C Cooper) A Barrow 5-10-9 ... F Leahy –

BETTING: 4-1 Full Shilling, 9-2 Maraady, Duggan, 5-1 Barqaish, Singers Image, 12-1 Mogwai, 14-1 others.

1993: DERRYMOSS 7-11-0 T Dascombe (11-8 fav) M Pipe 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARQAISH 13¼l 3rd to Va Lute in lady riders' claiming hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good). DUGGAN 13l 3rd of 14 to Sports View in selling novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, soft), with MOGWAI 30l 4th. FULL SHILLING 7l 4th to Scoffera in conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Huntingdon (2m, good), with MOGWAI 15l 5th. MARAADY neck 2nd of 6 to Chiappucci in conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: MARAADY

2.15 COMFREY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,775: 3m 1f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 112-211 VAL D'ALENE 59 (G,S) (M de Montfort) F Doumen (Fr) 7-12-3 (3ex) ... DOUBTFUL –
2 50-0141 WILLSFORD 24 (C,G,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-10 ... J Osborne [illegible]
3 1221-F4 MASTER JOLSON 10 (BF,F,G) (Mrs E Roberts) D Nicholson 6-11-3 ... A Maguire 96
4 14-4340 MAN OF MYSTERY 19 (CD,G,S) (PCJF) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-2 ... D Bridgwater 97
5 52-1111 PETTY BRIDGE 28 (F,G,S) (C & R Bouston) A James 10-10-9 ... R Dunwoody 92

BETTING: 7-4 Willsford, 2-1 Petty Bridge, 7-2 Master Jolson, 5-1 Man Of Mystery.

1993: MAN OF MYSTERY 7-10-10 D Bridgwater (6-4 fav) N Twiston-Davies 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

WILLSFORD beat Indian Tonic 10l in 8-runner handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good to soft), with MASTER JOLSON faller. MASTER JOLSON 10¾l 4th of 5 to Uranus Collonges in handicap chase at Doncaster (3m 2f, good). MAN OF MYSTERY best recent effort 16¾l 3rd of 4 to Couldn't Be Better in handicap chase at Stratford (2m 7f, good). PETTY BRIDGE beat Unholy Alliance 3l in handicap chase at Stratford (3m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: PETTY BRIDGE

2.45 CARAWAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,528: 2m) (11 runners)

1 5F2F5-1 MEDINAS SWAN SONG 20 (D,G) (C Perry) R Hodges 6-11-10 ... A Tory 91
2 0/051P/ DIBLOOM 743 (S) (Mrs P Lee) R Simpson 6-11-9 ... Miss P Jones –
3 P3F0U0- BUCKELIGHT 244 (Mrs C Antrobus) T Forster 6-11-9 ... R Farrant [illegible]
4 3P/3525 MAJOR BUSH 6 (S) (P T Racing) Miss C Johnsey 7-11-5 ... L Harvey 85
5 0/02P22- DAWN CHANCE 223 (G Small) R Hodges 8-11-2 ... R Dunwoody 93
6 P1-4226 DOUBLE THE STAKES 15 (F) (T Brooks) D Burchell 5-11-2 ... D J Burchell 80
7 P35P-43 HIGHLAND POACHER 33 (S) (E Salter) D McCain 7-11-0 ... A Maguire 85
8 P3P0-65 IT'S AFTER TIME 18 (S) Mrs R Brackenbury 9-10-11 ... Guy Lewis (5) 80
9 326541 RHOMAN FUN 18 (CD,G) (T Coughlan) G Ham 5-10-8 ... A P McCoy (3) 92
10 P60-P1F EMBLEY BUOY 18 (CD,S) (Mrs H Bare) J Mullins 6-10-8 ... S Curran (3) 92
11 /031P-0 TUMBLED BRIDE 18 (S) (V Greenway) V Greenway 8-10-4 ... M Hourigan –

BETTING: 7-2 Medinas Swan Song, 4-1 Embley Buoy, 6-1 Rhoman Fun, Highland Poacher, 7-1 Dawn Chance, 8-1 It's After Time, 10-1 others.

1993: MAGGOTS GREEN 6-10-8 R Farrant (7-2) J Bradley 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MEDINAS SWAN SONG beat Pegmarine 2l in novice handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). DAWN CHANCE 3½l 2nd to Unholy Alliance in novice chase over course and distance (good to firm). DOUBLE THE STAKES 5l 2nd to Rusty Roc in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. HIGHLAND POACHER 11½l last of 3 to Front Line in novice chase at Haydock (2m, good to soft). RHOMAN FUN beat Port In Storm 8l in novice handicap chase over course and distance (good), with EMBLEY BUOY faller. EMBLEY BUOY previously beat MAJOR BUSH (3lb better off) length in novice handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft), with IT'S AFTER TIME (8lb better off) 32l 6th.
Selection: MEDINAS SWAN SONG

3.15 ROSEMARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,570: 2m 1f) (20 runners)

1 843/2-46 TARKOVSKY 17 (S) (J Watkins) R Price 9-12-0 ... P McLoughlin (5) 85
2 124/44P- SUPER RITCHART 381 (G,S) (The Gradon Associates) B Palling 6-11-8 ... R Farrant 83
3 132625 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 11 (F,G) (Miss A Broyd) Miss A Broyd 6-11-2 ... D Bridgwater 98
4 11- THE EXECUTOR 495 (D,F) (J Joseph) M Pipe 4-11-2 ... R Dunwoody 90
5 16133-0 GOLDINGO 28 (CD,S) (G Price) G Price 7-11-2 ... Guy Lewis 85
6 11- GENERAL CHASE 134F (D,G) (E O'Malley) I Campbell 4-11-0 ... R Campbell 80
7 124/4-R2 PRINCE TINO 28 (F) (J L Racing 2) N Gaselee 6-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 93
8 41-0 HOMEMAKER 19 (G) (Racecourse Farm Racing) P Murphy 4-10-9 ... D Bohan (7) 92
9 2123-23 MARINER'S AIR 13 (S) (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 7-10-8 ... N Williamson 93
10 244-1P1 TOO SHARP 26 (F,G) (Sir Anthony Scott) Miss H Knight 6-10-7 ... J Osborne 93
11 543/21/ MUIZENBERG 782 (G) (D Davies) C Cowley 7-10-5 ... J Lodder –
12 242102 JUST ROSIE 6 (CD,F,G) (Plough Racing) A Jones 5-10-5 ... S McNeill 96
13 22405-P STRICTLY PERSONAL 41F (Mrs J Maloney) K Burke 4-10-2 ... A Maguire [illegible]
14 05-44 BOLD ACRE 14 (Mrs M Morgan) D Burchell 4-10-2 ... D J Burchell 86
15 62411P/ LUMUMBA DAYS 612 (D,F) (H Taylor) M Meade 8-10-2 ... J Railton –
16 000P30- FAIRY PARK 183 (G) (Ms J M Oliver) H Oliver 9-10-1 ... Jacqui Oliver –
17 0160-34 WOLLBOLL 21 (S) (M Weaver) P Makin 4-10-0 ... B Clifford 86
18 1-5P540 DON'T FORGET MARIE 12 (CD,F,G,S) (G Mytton) A Bailey 4-10-0 ... T Kent 83
19 04-U445 PROJECT'S MATE 18 (B,CD,S) (R Brown) R Brown 7-10-0 ... Mr R Johnson (7) 87
20 0124/00 COMANECI 39 (G) (J & J Barker) K Bridgwater 6-10-0 ... W Humphreys –

Long handicap: Wollboll 9-13, Don't Forget Marie 9-12, Project's Mate 9-4, Comaneci 9-0.

BETTING: 7-2 Too Sharp, 4-1 The Executor, 6-1 General Chase, Just Rosie, Mariner's Air, 10-1 Ambassador Royale, Prince Tino, 12-1 others.

1993: EDIMBOURG 7-11-13 J Osborne (8-13 fav) Miss H Knight 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMBASSADOR ROYALE 4½l 5th to Mister Drum in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to soft). THE EXECUTOR beat Free Dancer 8l in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to firm). GENERAL CHASE beat Hot Off The Press 8l in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, good). PRINCE TINO 2½l 2nd to Kingsfold Pet in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). MARINER'S AIR 2l 3rd to Dual Image in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft). JUST ROSIE 6l 2nd to Grouseman in handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, soft).
Selection: PRINCE TINO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Henderson	14	28	50.0	J Osborne	13	34	38.2
O Sherwood	7	17	41.2	S McNeill	16	64	25.0
N Twiston-Davies	14	48	29.2	D J Burchell	10	41	24.4
M Pipe	30	109	27.5	D Bridgwater	23	104	22.1
N Gaselee	4	16	25.0	Jacqui Oliver	3	15	20.0
D Nicholson	9	41	22.0	R Dunwoody	14	72	19.4

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hereford: 1.45 Maraady, Singers Image. Lingfield Park: 1.00 Tigana. 2.00 Keys Seminar, Pleasure Beach. 2.30 Dance And Sing. 3.00 Europharm Lassie, Excelled. 3.30 Bold Aristocrat.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: heavy

12.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Blimsey (R Dunwoody, 11-4); 2, Air Shot (11-8 fav); 3, So Hopeful (5-1). 16 ran. 7l, 9l. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.00, £3.70. DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.31.

1.00 (2m ch) 1, Northern Saddler (R Dunwoody, 8-15 fav); 2, Greenheart (20-1). 3 ran. Only two finished. 2½l. R Hodges. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.18.

1.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Doc Cottrill (D Bridgwater, 7-1); 2, Sports View (11-8 fav); 3, Carabuck (16-1). 9 ran. 1¼l, 14l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.60; £1.20, £1.30, £4.50. DF: £11.20. Trio: £58.60. CSF: £16.47. Tricast: £138.67.

2.00 (3m) 1, Val D'Alene (A Kondrat, 4-6 fav); 2, Bowl Of Oats (14-1); 3, Green Walk (40-1). 6 ran. 4l, 1½l. F Doumen (Fr). Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.60, £3.60. DF: £11.20. CSF: £11.62. Tricast: £216.57.

2.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Bedraichiani (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Jadidh (3-1); 3, Glencarrig Gale (3-1). Manerese 2-1 fav (pu). 7 ran. 4l, 30l. C Nash. Tote: £6.90; £3.20, £1.80. DF: £7.60. CSF: £23.30.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Petoski (D Bridgwater, 5-2; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Too Plush (14-1); 3, Rosgill (4-1). Rocco 2-1 fav (pu). 8 ran. NR: Aedean. 20l, 20l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £2.50, £1.10. DF: £40.60. CSF: £33.23.

3.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Namaste (Chris Webb, 5-4 fav); 2, Roger's Pal (5-1); 3, Garda's Gold (13-2). 5 ran. 20l, 2l. R Hoad. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.30.

Placepot: £24.60. Quadpot: not won (pool of £59.40 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).

Edinburgh

Going: good

12.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Rosina Mae (R Garritty, 4-9 fav); 2, Explore Mondial (4-1); 3, Trap Dancer (33-1). 15 ran. 3½l, 14l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.30, £15.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £3.21.

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, Marco-Pierre (A Thornton, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Funny Rose (16-1); 3, Astrac Trio (11-4 jt-fav). 9 ran. 2½l, 8l. J Barclay. Tote: £4.20; £2.10, £1.60, £2.50. DF: £50.40. Trio: £32.70. CSF: £40.55. Tricast: £119.64.

1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Sir Peter Lely (Mr C Bonner, 5-2 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Comet (11-2); 3, Sheilas Hillcrest (33-1). 7 ran. 8l, 7l. M Hammond. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.60. DF: £6.90. CSF: £14.84.

1.45 (2m ch) 1, Cardenden (A Thornton, 11-4 fav); 2, Rallying Cry (6-1); 3, Fling In Spring (9-2). 11 ran. 2½l, 5l. J Barclay. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £4.00, £2.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £18.79.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Nahri (T Eley, 5-1); 2, Wee River (4-1 fav); 3, Top Cees (8-1). 11 ran. Hd, 1¼l. J Mackie. Tote: £5.20; £3.10, £2.00, £5.80. DF: £13.50. Trio: £57.70. CSF: £25.87. Tricast: £150.74.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Puritan (M Dwyer, 8-13 fav); 2, Rapid Mover (12-1); 3, White Diamond (16-1). 11 ran. 4l, 7l. N Tinkler. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £3.00, £2.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £10.52.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, Trump (Mr D Parker, 5-1); 2, Noyan (Evens fav); 3, Juke Box Billy (25-1). 9 ran. 1¾l, 14l. C Parker. Tote: £9.40; £1.60, £1.40, £9.90. DF: £3.50. Trio: £54.90. CSF: £10.70. Tricast: £112.08.

Jackpot: £536.30. Placepot: £14.90. Quadpot: £8.70.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.00 Admirals Secret. 12.30 Night Edition. 1.00 Meghdoot. 1.30 Captain Marmalade. 2.00 Stoppes Brow. 2.30 Dynamis. 3.00 Eqtesaad. 3.30 Distant Dynasty.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 RED WHIRLWIND.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.00 ADMIRALS SECRET (nap). 1.00 Meghdoot.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.00 SEVASTOPOL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,327: 1m 5f) (11 runners)

101 (11) 301- PROSEQUENDO 538 (C,F,G) M Dixon 7-10-0 ... A Whelan (3) –
102 (3) 4460 ARCTIC GUEST 86 (CD,F,G) C Smith 4-9-13 ... M Baird (3) 90
103 (2) 3142 ADMIRALS SECRET 6 (C,BF,G) C Weil 5-9-13 ... C Webb (5) [illegible]
104 (7) -500 GRECIAN LADY 443 K Burke 5-8-2 ... S Drowne –
105 (6) 0000 ANN HILL 19 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-7-12 ... D Denby (5) 91
106 (9) 4534 GLOW FORUM 6 G L Moore 3-7-10 ... S Sanders 97
107 (8) 0062 WOTTASHAMBLES 43 G Lewis 3-7-9 ... A Garth 95
108 (10) 0050 ARIAN SPIRIT 8 W Musson 3-7-7 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 95
109 (5) 0066 CRISTAL SPRINGS 24 B McMath 3-7-7 ... C Hawksley (3) 93
110 (4) -000 RISK THE WITCH 22 D Cosgrove 4-7-7 ... S Lanigan (5) –
111 (1) 0000 LAJADHAL 22 (B,E) K Bishop 5-7-7 ... N Varley –

3-1 Admirals Secret, 4-1 Prosequendo, 5-1 Arctic Guest, 6-1 Glow Forum, 7-1 Wottashambles, 8-1 Arian Spirit, Grecian Lady, 10-1 others.

12.30 KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY HANDICAP (Div I: £2,775: 1m 2f) (14)

201 (8) 0001 SWEET SUPPOSIN 13 (C,G) K McAuliffe 3-9-11 ... R Cochrane 84
202 (7) 5002 KINTWYN 13 (C,B) D Laing 4-9-11 ... G Bardwell 95
203 (10) 0131 JOSEPH'S WINE 5 (B,D,F,G) D Nicholls 5-9-11 (6ex) ... Alex Greaves 97
204 (12) 6000 SECUNDUS 22 (C,F,S) B Meehan 3-9-9 ... R Perham 98
205 (3) 1-50 PEARLY RIVER 157 (C,B) J Scargill 3-9-8 ... M Rimmer 85
206 (4) 4000 PIRATES GOLD 6 (C,G) J White 4-9-4 ... S Drowne (5) 88
207 (11) 600- JAKE THE PAKE 514 (B) G Bravery 4-8-4 ... G Carter –
208 (9) 3030 MISLEMANI 5 A Newcombe 4-8-6 ... N Varley (5) 98
209 (6) 606 CARPATHIAN 22 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5 ... D Harrison 90
210 (14) 0000 LORD GLENVARA 24 (G) R O'Sullivan 6-8-0 ... D Biggs 94
211 (2) 0400 NIGHT EDITION 39 (E,CD,B,S) S Dow 4-7-13 ... Stephen Davies 86
212 (5) 1000 PRISCILLA ROSE 6 (G) C Allen 3-7-12 ... J Quinn [illegible]
213 (13) 0000 LAC DE GRAS 41 R Curtis 3-7-7 ... D Wright (5) 73
214 (1) 60-0 WHATONE BELL 13J P Hayward 4-7-7 ... R Street –

3-1 Sweet Supposin, 7-2 Joseph's Wine, 4-1 Kintwyn, 7-1 Pearly River, 8-1 Carpathian, 10-1 Mislemani, 12-1 others.

1.00 LIGHT BRIGADE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,648: 7f) (13)

301 (3) 024 BOLD EFFORT 10 K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 ... A Clark 87
302 (2) 0000 FRANKLINSBOY 13 J Wilson 9-0 ... N Varley (5) 60
303 (13) LANESRA BREEZE T Naughton 9-0 ... V Halliday (7) –
304 (9) 2060 MASTER MILLFIELD 28 C Hill 9-0 ... S Sanders (5) 73
305 (10) MONTANELLI K McAuliffe 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
306 (6) PRIME SILVER D Cosgrove 9-0 ... L Newton (5) –
307 (7) 06 VIBRO 220 G Bravery 9-0 ... G Carter –
308 (5) ZESTI T Clement 9-0 ... P Bowe (7) –
309 (4) 5036 FRIENDLY LADY 6 (BF) W O'Gorman 8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 94
310 (12) GOVERNOR'S LASS (E) S Dow 8-9 ... Stephen Davies –
311 (1) 0233 LITTLE SCARLETT 52 P Makin 8-9 ... R Perham 80
312 (8) 42 MEGHDOOT 46 (BF) H Collingridge 8-9 ... J Quinn [illegible]
313 (11) 0000 TIGANA 13 (B) Mrs L Jewell 8-9 ... Honey Pearce (7) 59

5-2 Meghdoot, 7-2 Friendly Lady, 7-1 Bold Effort, Little Scarlett, 10-1 Master Millfield, Governor's Lass, 12-1 others.

1.30 KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY HANDICAP (Div II: £2,775: 1m 2f) (14)

401 (13) 1001 OUR EDDIE 6 (V,CD,G) B Gubby 5-10-2 (6ex) ... A Whelan (5) 93
402 (3) 0040 BAG OF TRICKS 50J (E,D,G) S Dow 4-10-0 ... Stephen Davies 80
403 (1) 5332 AWESOME POWER 111 (CD,G) J Hills 8-9-13 ... A Clark 89
404 (7) 0003 ECU DE FRANCE 24 (V,CD,G) M Madgwick 4-9-9 ... W Woods 85
405 (8) 4001 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 13 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 3-9-3 ... M Rimmer 91
406 (12) 6042 RED WHIRLWIND 10 B McMath 4-8-13 ... R Cochrane [illegible]
407 (6) 0020 MY MINNIE 85 (G) B Meehan 4-8-10 ... D Harrison 87
408 (4) 0235 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 6 (CD,BF,G) D Thom 5-8-9 ... M Fenton 89
409 (10) 0006 LOMBARD SHIPS 20 (B,F,G,S) A Bailey 7-8-6 ... A Mackay 86
410 (14) 0000 PORTOLANO 13 C Williams 3-8-3 ... J Quinn 80
411 (2) 6050 TUDOR FLIGHT 22 A Newcombe 3-8-2 ... C Rutter 95
412 (9) 0000 EZEKIEL 41 J Payne 3-7-13 ... G Bardwell 87
413 (5) 0400 PIGALLE WONDER 13 (B,CD,S) R O'Sullivan 6-7-12 ... D Biggs 87
414 (11) 0006 CHARLISTIONA 125 M Johnston 3-7-8 ... N Adams 84

5-1 Red Whirlwind, 6-1 Our Eddie, Awesome Power, South Eastern Fred, 7-1 Captain Marmalade, 8-1 My Minnie, 10-1 others.

2.00 COMMERCIAL CEILING FACTORS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,765: 6f) (7)

501 (7) 0201 GO HEVER GOLF 6 (CD,G) T Naughton 9-8 (7ex) ... G Carter [illegible]
502 (1) 0011 STOPPES BROW 22 (V,C,G) G L Moore 9-7 ... B Rouse 95
503 (6) 2115 FIRST CRUSH 24 (D,F) M Prescott 9-6 ... C Nutter 86
504 (2) 0242 PLEASURE BEACH 6 (B,BF,G) W O'Gorman 9-0 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 94
505 (5) 2522 DAS ISLAND 13 J Jenkins 8-8 ... C Rutter 97
506 (4) 0145 ROTHERFIELD PARK 13 (G) C Smith 7-13 ... M Baird (7) 97
507 (3) 000 KEYS SEMINAR 80 (B) N Callaghan 7-11 ... J Quinn 90

3-1 Stoppes Brow, 7-2 Go Hever Golf, Pleasure Beach, 5-1 First Crush, Das Island, 6-1 Rotherfield Park, 33-1 Keys Seminar.

2.30 THIN RED LINE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,274: 7f) (12)

601 (1) 0040 DANCE AND SING 5 (B) D Williams 4-9-0 ... D Griffiths (5) 53
602 (11) ESPERER 320J J O'Donoghue 4-9-0 ... T G McLaughlin (5) –
603 (12) 0500 DAVID BLUE 78 (BF) J White 3-8-13 ... S Drowne (5) 65
604 (10) ELA PALIKARI MOU R Akehurst 3-8-13 ... G Carter –
605 (7) 0 KAARH HOMM 225 N Callaghan 3-8-13 ... D Harrison 86
606 (5) 5 MASRAH DUBAI 22 M Jarvis 3-8-13 ... W Woods –
607 (3) -053 NEWINGTON BUTTS 24 R Akehurst 4-8-9 ... S Sanders (5) 83
608 (2) 3234 DYNAMIS 78 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-8 ... R Cochrane [illegible]
609 (8) 0 FLASH APPEAL 39 R Guest 3-8-8 ... M Rimmer –
610 (9) 3430 JOINT EFFORT 8 A Moore 3-8-8 ... A Whelan (5) 78
611 (6) 0-0 MUTIARA 112 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-8 ... Stephen Davies –
612 (4) 0 QUICK MILLION 71 B Meehan 3-8-8 ... D O'Neill (7) –

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1 (8) 3560 KRAYYAN DAWN 143 R Akehurst 4-9-0 ... G Carter 50
2 (1) 0000 EBONY BLAZE 6 C Wildman 3-8-13 ... D Harrison 84
3 (5) 24 EQTESAAD 148 S Williams 3-8-13 ... A Mackay [illegible]
4 (7) 4300 GINGERILLO 70 (B) T Mills 3-8-13 ... D Toole (7) 57
5 (3) -000 EXCELLED 182 (B) C Drewe 5-8-9 ... R Perham –
6 (12) 0000 HALL BANK COTTAGE 41 Mrs A King 4-8-9 ... N Carlisle –
7 (2) 2640 MYJINKA 3 (B) J O'Donoghue 4-8-9 ... M Baird (7) 58
8 (11) 0605 TASSAGH BRIDGE 19 R Ingram 4-8-9 ... S Drowne (5) 50
9 (9) CELESTIAL FAITH M Johnston 3-8-8 ... T Williams –
10 (10) 04 CHARDONNAY GIRL 204 J Carr 3-8-8 ... S Morris 79
11 (6) 0055 EUROPHARM LASSIE 6 (V) G L Moore 3-8-8 ... B Rouse 84
12 (4) 0060 THORNIWAMA 22 J Bridger 3-8-8 ... A Clark 62

7-2 Eqtesaad, 4-1 Celestial Faith, 7-1 Ebony Blaze, 8-1 others.

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1 (1) 2330 FEATHERSTONE LANE 5 (V,D,F) Miss L Siddall 3-10-0 ... D Harrison 91
2 (8) 4214 TEE-EMM 13 (CD,G) P Howling 4-9-13 ... Debbie Biggs (7) 96
3 (4) 0005 GRANMAS DELIGHT 8 K Ivory 3-9-9 ... R Cochrane 88
4 (7) 5222 NINEACRES 5 (B,D,BF,F) D Nicholls 3-9-8 ... A Eddery (7) [illegible]
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6 (6) 0000 PAPAGOS 24 S Dow 3-9-0 ... Stephen Davies –
7 (10) 0000 DANIERA 5 (B,CD,G,S) P Howling 4-9-0 ... J Quinn 90
8 (9) 0000 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 5 (B,D,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-12 ... W Woods 85
9 (3) 2040 TOMMY TEMPEST 5 (B,D,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-9 ... D Wright (5) 90
10 (5) 060 PATACAKE 179 A Moore 3-8-7 ... Candy Morris 81

6-2 Tee-Emm, 3-1 Nineacres, 4-1 Daniera, 6-1 Distant Dynasty, 8-1 others.

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JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 40 winners from 176 rides, 22.7%; Alex Greaves, 12 from 68, 17.6%; W Woods, 5 from 33, 15.2%; Stephen Davies, 14 from 93, 15.1%; T G McLaughlin, 6 from 42, 14.3%.

VINCE WRIGHT'S POOLS FORECASTS

Monday December 26 unless stated
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v Aston Villa 1
2 Chelsea v Man Utd 2
3 Coventry v Nott'm F X
4 Crystal P v QPR 1
5 Everton v Sheff Wed 1
6 Leeds v Newcastle 2
7 Leicester v Liverpool X
8 Norwich v Tottenham 2
9 Soton v Wimbledon X
10 West Ham v Ipswich 1
Not on coupons: Manchester City v Blackburn Rovers.

FIRST DIVISION
11 Barnsley v Grimsby 1
12 Burnley v Port Vale 1
13 Charlton v Southend X
14 Notts Co v Millwall 2
15 Oldham v Wolves 1
16 Reading v Luton X
17 Sheff U v Middlesbro 1
18 Stoke v Swindon 1
19 Sunderland v Bolton 2
20 Tranmere v Derby 1
21 Watford v Portsmouth 1
22 West Brom v Bristol C 1

SECOND DIVISION
23 Birm'gham v Camb U 1
24 Brentford v Leyton O X
25 Bristol R v Bourn'm'th 1
26 Crewe v Chester 1
27 Hull v Hudd'field 1
28 Peterboro v Oxford 2
29 Rotherham v Bradford 1
30 Shrewsbury v Cardiff 1
31 Stockport v Wrexham X
32 Swansea v Plymouth 1
33 Wycombe v Brighton 1
34 York v Blackpool 2

THIRD DIVISION
35 Bury v Wigan 1
36 Chest'f'ld v Doncaster X
37 Colchester v N'pton 1
38 Darlington v Scarboro 1
39 Exeter v Torquay 2
40 Gillingham v Fulham 1
41 Hartlepool v Carlisle X
42 Mansfield v Hereford 2
43 Preston v Rochdale 1
44 Scunthorpe v Lincoln X
45 Walsall v Barnet 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
46 Merthyr v Bath 2
47 Southport v Runcorn 1
48 Telford v Stafford 1
49 Welling v Dover 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER
50 Aberdeen v Celtic 1
51 Dundee U v Kilmarn'k 1
52 Falkirk v Motherwell X
53 Hearts v Partick 1
54 Rangers v Hibernian 1

SCOTTISH FIRST
55 Ayr v Clydebank 2
56 Hamilton v Dundee 2
57 Raith v Airdrie 2
58 St J'stone v D'fermline X
Not on coupons: St Mirren v Stranraer

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Clyde v Greenock Morton; Dumbarton v East Fife; Meadowbank Thistle v Berwick Rangers; Queen of the South v Stenhousemuir.

SCOTTISH THIRD
Not on coupons: Arbroath v Albion Rovers, Cowdenbeath v Caledonian; Queen's Park v East Stirling; Ross County v Forfar Athletic.

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BEST DRAWS: Coventry, Leicester, Charlton, Stockport, Scunthorpe.
AWAYS: Newcastle, Millwall, Bolton, Blackpool, Torquay.
HOMES: Everton, Burnley, Stoke, West Brom, Crewe, Shrewsbury, Swansea, Darlington, Walsall, Telford, Aberdeen, Hearts.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Burnley, West Bromwich Albion, Crewe, Walsall, Aberdeen. Aways: Newcastle, Millwall, Blackpool. Draws: Coventry, Leicester, Charlton Athletic.

Saturday December 31 unless stated
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v QPR 1
2 Chelsea v Wimbledon X
3 Coventry v Tottenham 2
4 C Palace v Blackburn X
5 Everton v Ipswich 1
6 Leeds v Liverpool 2
7 Leicester v Sheff Wed 1
8 Man City v Aston Villa 1
9 Norwich v Newcastle X
10 South'pton v Man Utd 2
11 West Ham v Nott'm F 1

FIRST DIVISION
12 Barnsley v Wolves 2
13 Burnley v Southend X
14 Notts Co v Luton 2
15 Oldham v Swindon 1
16 Reading v Grimsby 1
17 Sheff Utd v Portsm'th 1
18 Stoke v Middlesbro 2
19 Sunderland v Derby 1
20 Tranmere v Bristol C 1
21 Watford v Port Vale 1
22 West Brom v Bolton 2
Not on coupons: Charlton v Millwall (Sunday).

SECOND DIVISION
23 B'ham v Blackpool X
24 Brentford v Oxford X
25 Bristol R v Chester 1
26 Crewe v Leyton O 1
27 Hull v Brighton 1
28 Rotherham v Cardiff 2
29 Shrewsbury v Plym'th 1
30 Stockport v Bradford X
31 Swansea v Hudd'field X
32 Wyc'mbe v Bourn'm'th 1
33 York v Wrexham 2
Not on coupons: Peterborough United v Cambridge United.

THIRD DIVISION
34 Bury v Torquay 1
35 Chest'field v Lincoln 2
36 Colchester v Hereford 1
37 Darl'gton v North'pton X
38 Exeter v Wigan 1
39 Gillingham v Carlisle 2
40 Hartlepool v Fulham 1
41 Mansfield v Barnet 2
42 Preston v Scarboro 1
43 Scunth'pe v Rochdale 1
44 Walsall v Doncaster X

DIADORA LEAGUE
45 Marlow v Harrow 2
46 St Albans v Hitchin 1
47 Slough v Bromley 1
48 Sutton v Wokingham 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER
49 Aberdeen v Hearts X
50 Celtic v Falkirk 1
51 Hibernian v Dundee U X
52 Motherwell v Rangers 2
53 Partick v Kilmarnock 1

SCOTTISH FIRST
54 Airdrie v Dunf'mline 2
55 Ayr v Hamilton 2
56 Clydebank v Stranraer 1
57 Dundee v St Mirren 1
58 Raith v St Johnst'ne 1

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Berwick Rangers v Stirling Albion; Brechin City v Clyde; East Fife v Meadowbank Thistle; Greenock Morton v Queen of the South; Stenhousemuir v Dumbarton.

SCOTTISH THIRD
Not on coupons: Albion Rovers v Ross County; Alloa Athletic v Queen's Park; Caledonian v Montrose; East Stirling v Arbroath; Forfar Athletic v Cowdenbeath.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Norwich, Burnley, Birmingham, Brentford, Stockport, Swansea, Darlington, Walsall, Aberdeen, Hibernian.
BEST DRAWS: Norwich, Burnley, Brentford, Darlington, Hibernian.
AWAYS: Tottenham, Manchester United, Luton, Wrexham, Lincoln.
HOMES: Everton, Manchester City, Reading, Watford, Shrewsbury Town, Colchester United, Hartlepool United, Scunthorpe United, St Albans, Slough, Sutton, Clydebank.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Everton, Reading, Colchester, St Albans, Slough. Aways: Tottenham, Luton, Harrow. Draws: Burnley, Brentford, Darlington.

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Cup giants tread down dangerous path

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Suddenly, the Pilkington Cup finalists from last season, Bath and Leicester, have found a perilous path. The draw for the fifth round, made yesterday, as fraught with interest as its predecessor was with anonymity, gives the two cup giants awkward away journeys from which they may not return unscathed.

Bath, the holders, will not regard Orrell at Edge Hall Road with anything but the greatest respect. They have lost there before, though not in the cup, and in Brian Ashton, their coach, they have an Orrell product. Given the havoc that England requirements will play with their squad between now and the fifth round, Bath will travel north with the utmost caution on January 28.

Although Bath disposed of Orrell comparatively comfortably, 32-13, in the league this season, that was at home, and Orrell have taken big strides since then. Moreover, only Dewi Morris, their captain, is likely to be on England duty while Bath may offer up to a dozen players to England's senior and A teams.

Leicester must go to Bristol, where, in November, an unexpected 31-22 defeat stripped them of their unbeaten league record. "We were leading 15-6 and then everything went — control, discipline, everything," John Allen, the Leicester secretary said. The Bristol Memorial Ground is one of Leicester's least-favourite venues, though they won there on their last cup visit, in 1987. Indeed, in four cup-ties between the clubs, Leicester have lost only once, in the 1983 final at Twickenham.

This tie will be spiced by individual encounters between would-be England players: Derek Eves and Neil Back, Simon Shaw and Martin Johnson, and two of the sharpest shooters in the league, Mark Tainton, of Bristol, and Jez Harris, of Leicester, who have developed their points-scoring ability to a remarkable degree.

With Bristol's membership growing apace as a consequence of their successful league season, there can be little doubt of a capacity 8,500 crowd. Wasps, too, are sure to pack them in at Waterloo, one of three clubs from the North West drawn at home. A fourth, Aspatria, drew the dubious privilege of the day's longest journey as a reward for knocking Bedford, previous cup-winners, out of the competition. They must go to Exeter, whereas Lydney, from the fifth division, stay home to Wakefield.

FIFTH-ROUND DRAW

Bristol v Leicester
Exeter v Aspatria
London Irish v Harlequins
Lydney v Wakefield
Northampton v Richmond

Orrell v Bath
Sale v Fylde
Waterloo v Wasps
Matches to be played on Saturday, January 28

London Irish promise a warm welcome for Harlequins at Sunbury, particularly if Jim Staples and Rory Jenkins, their former full back and flanker respectively, should appear in the Harlequins' multicolours. "It'll be a full house and we will go in as underdogs, which is how we like it," Kieran McCarthy, the club's administrator, said. "Having lost players last season, we are building again and it will be interesting to see how Clive Woodward's coaching style comes through against Harlequins."

Staples was named yesterday in the Ireland A team to play a student XV at Lansdowne Road on December 30, part of a double-header as the Ireland selectors run a final rule over their international candidates. Significantly, Paul Burke, late of London Irish but now showing outstanding form for Cork Constitution and Munster, plays in the Ireland XV to meet Irish Universities Past and Present. He moves ahead of Eric Elwood and Alan McGowan at stand-off half and is joined by two of Munster's successful back row, David Corkery and Anthony Foley.

IRELAND XV (v Irish University's Past and Present): C O'Shea (Lansdowne); S Geoghegan (Bath), B Mullin (Belokrock College), P Danaher (Garryowen), J Bell (Ballymena); P Burke (Cork Constitution), M Bradley (Cork Constitution); N Popplewell (Wasps), K Wood (Garryowen), P Clohessy (Young Munster), A Foley (Shannon), P Johns (Dungannon), N Francis (Old Belvedere), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), B Cronin (Garryowen).
IRELAND A (v Irish Students): J Staples (Harlequins); R Wallace (Garryowen), M Field (Malone), R Henderson (London Irish), T Howe (Oxford University); E Elwood (Lansdowne), F Ahern (Lansdowne); J Fitzgerald (Young Munster); W Mulcahy (Skerries), G Halpin (London Irish), E Halvey (Shannon), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), D Tweed (Ballymena), D McBride (Malone), M Galwey (Shannon).

Swiss dominates last day at Olympia with victories on Adelfos and Shandor

Fuchs enjoys seasonal success with rare double

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MARKUS FUCHS, of Switzerland, achieved a notable double on the last day of the Olympia show jumping championships yesterday when he won the Brandy Butter Six Bar competition on Adelfos AC Folien and the Christmas Eve Speed Stakes on his old favourite, Interpane Shandor.

Although his success in the Six Bar — in which he was the only rider to go clear in the fourth round when the final fence stood higher than 6ft — was the more strenuous win, it was Shandor's performance that gave him the most pleasure.

"I'm very proud that I can take him out, at the age of 15, and still win a good class after all he has done for me," Fuchs said. With his younger brother, Thomas, he has been a regular member of the Switzerland team for the past 20 years, and has competed with Shandor at three European championships and the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games — at both of which he achieved the best score of the team.

He bought the German-bred gelding as a six-year-old for £65,000. Two years later, he sold him to Joe Haller the Swiss businessman — the owner of Nick Skelton's Dollar Girl — for £500,000, but kept the ride on him. When, five years later, the Fuchs brothers fell out with Haller, he managed to buy him back for £200,000.

"He's an exceptional horse," Fuchs said. "I would never sell him now although I've had good offers for him. I'm just happy that now he's getting too old for the really tough classes he can still come out and enjoy winning a class like today."

Fuchs, though, had not expected to win the class. Although fast over the ten-fence course, he had missed out on the final shortcut after the penultimate fence because he felt the tight turn would be too much for Shandor.

Both Peter Charles, of Ireland, on Cantadou, and Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic champion, on Sprehe Casanova — who finished second and third — had made the shortcut but were unable to match Shandor's speed on the first part of the course.

The British pair, Skelton and James Fisher, both winners during the week, failed to sustain their form. Fisher, on Tip Toe, approached the important fence three, an upright, at too sharp an angle and paid the penalty with a run-out. Skelton, on Showtime, his winner on Saturday night, hit fence two and then retired.

John Whitaker had given Fuchs his biggest worry when, riding his borrowed horse, Everest Welham, a winner on Friday night, he was up on Fuchs's time as he approached fence 11. Welham, who has been lent to Whitaker by Keeley Durham so the horse can get more international experience, made a superb turn to the last, but, roared on by the crowd, just clipped the top pole on the last fence. "That's a good horse. How long has John got him for?" Fuchs asked nervously afterwards.

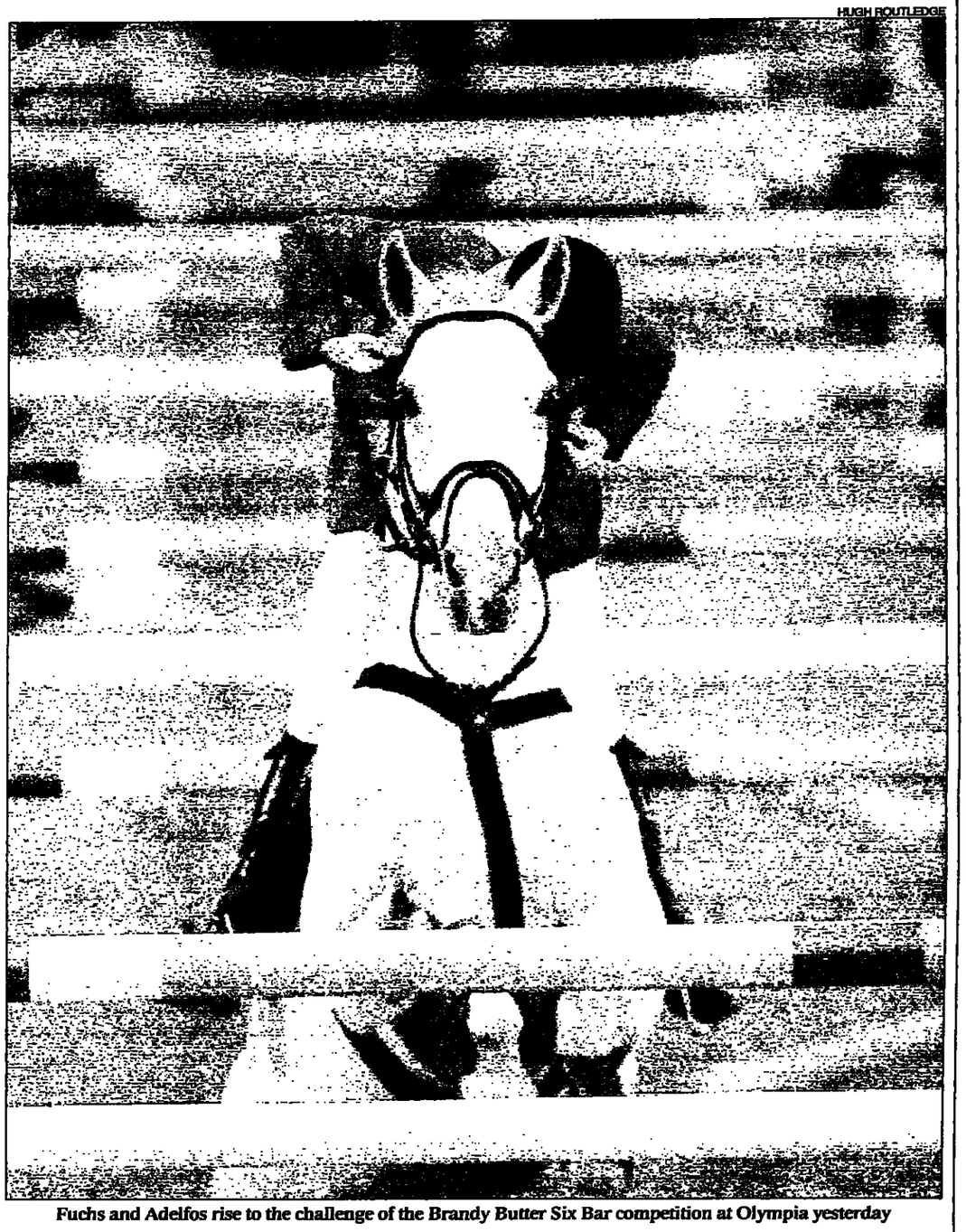
In the Six Bar, it was Guy Goosen, of Britain, at 20 the youngest rider in the class, who came closest to stopping Fuchs's run of success. Goosen, the 1990 national junior champion, and Fuchs were the only riders to reach the fourth and final round.

Fuchs, who was runner-up to Beerbaum in the main class on Friday, went first and, to gasps from the audience, jumped all six fences clear on the grey Holsteiner stallion, Adelfos AC Folien, who had won the equivalent class at the Geneva World Cup show a week earlier. Goosen, who made his senior Nations Cup debut this year, achieving the only British double clear round in the San Marino event in Italy, made a brave attempt to match him on the German-bred Tinto, but hit the third and the sixth fences to take second place. Fuchs received £1,500 for his efforts. "I don't wish to complain," he said afterwards, "but it's not a lot of money after all that work."

Robert Smith, the elder son of Harvey, had been one of the favourites for the competition after his win on Gold in the puissance event late on Sunday night. But Smith, who had been the only rider to clear the puissance wall at 6ft 8in, ran out of steam in the third round when his King of Diamonds gelding hit three of six fences.

RESULTS: Christmas Eve Speed Stakes: 1, Interpane Shandor (M Fuchs, Switz) 49.36sec; 2, Cantadou (P Charles, Ire) 49.92; 3, Sprehe Casanova (L Beerbaum, Ger) 50.40. Brandy Butter Six Bar: 1, Adelfos AC Folien (M Fuchs, Switz) 0 fls; 2, Tinto (G Goosen, GB) 8. Mince Pie Puissance: 1, Gold (R Smith, GB) 0; 2 Bockmann's As (T Fruhmann, Austria) 4; 3 Mancuso (G Billington, GB) 4. Christmas Carol Stakes: 1, Everest My Meteur (M Whitaker, GB) 76.83sec; 2, Everest Winstar (M Edgar, GB) 37.85; 3, Saphir (S Lauber, Switz) 37.86.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Fuchs and Adelfos rise to the challenge of the Brandy Butter Six Bar competition at Olympia yesterday

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Golfing blend fails to satisfy



Self-styled world championship is in wrong place at the wrong time believes **Andrew Longmore**

Until the charts are drawn up, the sales figures perused, the goodwill measured, the costs calculated, nobody will be able to say whether the fourth Johnnie Walker world championship was a success or not. It produced four days of relaxed golf, as competitive as could be expected at this time of year, and a credible champion in the young Ernie Els, of South Africa.

It generated spectacular pictures of Caribbean bliss, images of glamour and prosperity, designed unashamedly to stimulate pre-Christmas sales of whisky and transmitted to an estimated 650 million households worldwide, provided a timely injection of foreign currency into the hard-pressed Jamaican economy, and gave United Distillers, the sponsor, a chance to reward its most faithful clients.

The local community of Hope Well, the nearest village to the swish Tryall Golf and Country Club, was certainly as bemused as ever. A few of the residents ventured along the road to watch the circus, some even took advantage of the free entrance to watch the golf, most just sat on the wall wondering what it all had to do with them. On the course, television technicians, buzzing around in their motorised carts, outnumbered the spectators by two-to-one on all but the final day when Els and Nick Price attracted a gallery of about 500.

The rest of the 24-man field, Faldo, Couples and all, played on in a televised vacuum, their competitive spirit aroused by the sight of the champions around them, the vision of the $2.5 million in prize-money before them and the thought that beyond the fourth round lay the fallow ground of the Christmas break.

This will be a mere few days for Faldo, who does not want his autumnal touch to be lost in the celebrations, several weeks for the prodigious Els, who must believe he could win playing with a pogo stick these days, and probably a month or two for the laid back Fred Couples.

The dilemma for the sponsor is that while this is absolutely the right time of the year to be marketing Black Label, this is absolutely the wrong time of the year for the players to be playing golf, whatever the beauty of the surroundings and the relaxed nature of the tournament. Most of the top ten in the world, those not lured primarily by the $550,000 first prize, would prefer to be resting for the coming season.

Yet, as Faldo himself said, the world championship has gained an impressive level of credibility over the past four years, enough to make the concept worth pursuing, whatever the venue chosen for the next few years. Severiano Ballesteros even went as far as to suggest this could become the fifth major. Maybe, but not probably, not in mid-December in a spot as inaccessible as northwest Jamaica.

In golfing terms, not too much significance should be written into Els's victory, which was a tribute to his stamina as much as his skill. Els, playing his 34th tournament of the year, led almost from start to finish over a testing course, but did not have his nerves jangled much over the closing two days. His pursuers seemed to have settled for second well before the South African had gone for a swim in the ocean with the winners' cheque tucked into his trouser pocket.

Whether sport can survive similar saturation by television is another question altogether, one that supporters of Greg Norman's world tour — six exclusive events for the world's top players fuelled by mountains of sponsors' cash for the benefit of millions of armchair viewers — might care to consider.

RADIO

A seasonal tale of good will

A Scent of Myrrh. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

You cannot complain about an excess of words in Elizabeth Woodfield's half-hour play, although there are, perhaps, too many Christmas carols. It is a warmly written piece, just right for this season of good will. I liked it as much for what it leaves unsaid as for what it actually says, and Philip Martin's sensitive direction gives us time to weigh up its comforting message. Toby Daniels plays the nine-year-old, whose grandad (Roger Hume) helps him to overcome his fear of the dark. The play's inspiration is Thomas Hardy's poem *Christmas Eve*. Its title was inspired by something that did, or did not, happen, long before Hardy.

The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh and of the Maiden Fevroniya. *Radio 3, 7.00pm.*

If there is an opera with a longer title than Rimsky-Korsakov's, I would very much like to know what it is. When the opera *is* talked about — which happens as rarely as it is performed — the title is conveniently contracted to *The Invisible City*. In the opera, based on a Pushkin story, it is the invisibility of the city of Kitezh that saves it from the Tartar hordes. Tonight's performance was recorded last month at the Barbican in London. We hear the full forces of the Kirov Opera under the baton of Valeri Gergiev. The all-important roles of Fevroniya and Grishka are sung by Galina Gorchakova and Vladimir Galusin.

Peter Davalle

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VIRGIN

6.00am Paul Coyle Breakfast Show 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyle 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 **On Air:** Anon (Cypriot Advent antiphon: O clavis David aurea: Huelgas Ensemble and Schola under Paul van Nevel); Verdi (Ballet Music, Macbeth: Metropolitan Orchestra under James Levine); 7.32 *Quartet Collection:* Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 33 No 5, How do you do?: Tatrai Quartet); 8.05 Tippett (Praeludium for brass, bells and percussion: London Brass under Eric Crees): Mozart (Andante and Five Variations in G: George Malcolm and Andras Schiff, fortepianos); Pascha (Gloria, Christmas Mass)
9.00 **Composers of the Week:** E.J. Moeran and Peter Warlock. Paul Hindmarsh presents Warlock (Pretty ringtime: Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, Ernest Lush, piano); Moeran (Wythorne's Shadow); Warlock (Take, O take those lips away; The bayley berith the bell away; There is a lady sweet and kind); Moeran (Farrago Suite: BBC PO under Adrian Leaper); Warlock (Sleep; A Sad Song; As Ever I Saw: John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Roger Vignoles, piano)
10.00 **Musical Encounters,** from Glasgow. Hummel (Piano Concerto in B minor, Op 89); 11.10 *Artist of the Week:* John Wallace, trumpet. Petr Eben (Green Window, Windows, after Marc Chagall); 11.25 Haydn (Symphony No 92 in G, Oxford); Arban (Fantasy and Variations on Actéon)
12.00 **Music Restored:** The first of two programmes in which the New London Consort under Philip Pickett performs chamber cantatas for the Christmas season (r)
1.00pm **Two Opus:** 73s: Yevgeni Kissin, piano, and the Berlin PO under Claudio Abbado perform Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor); Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D)
2.30 **Debut:** Jacqueline Fox, mezzo, John Alley, piano, perform Fauré (La Chanson d'Eve)
3.00 **A Rare Musical Organism:** Kenneth Birkin presents a centenary celebration of the composer, critic, conductor and pianist Hans von Bülow. With excerpts from piano concertos by Liszt, Brahms and Tchaikovsky, symphonies by Beethoven and Mahler, Bülow's *Nirwana* and Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Byte the Music, inventive ways of creating music with sampled sound
5.15 **In Tune,** with Nicola Heywood-Thomas, including 6.03 Berlioz (Shepherd's Farewell, L'Enfance du Christ); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 26 in D, K537)
7.00 **The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh and of the Maiden Fevroniya:** See Choice
10.45 **Night Waves,** with Roy Porter
11.30-12.30am **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Philharmonic performs Delius (Life's Dance); Holst (Egdon Heath); Elgar (Overture: In the South, Alassio)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News Briefing, incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Call Nick Ross:** 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 **News; Terry Waite in Wilmslow** (FM only): The former hostage returns to his childhood haunts where he looks at the impact of Manchester Airport on the surrounding countryside
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **Children's Radio 4** (LW only): Charlotte's Webb, by E.B. White. William Hootkins reads the second of a seven-part adaptation
10.30 **Woman's Hour,** introduced by Jenni Murray. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 **Medicine Now,** presented by Geoff Watts
12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Daire Brehan
12.25pm **Hoaxd** This week's hoaxers are Ray Cooney, Peter Jones and Denis Norden. With Tim Brooke-Taylor in the chair 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre: A Scent of Myrrh.** See Choice
2.30 **Personal Records:** Jeremy Nicholas explores the record collection of John Walters
3.00 **News; Anderson Country,** with Gerry Anderson
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Quentin Cooper visits the Science Museum
4.45 **Short Story: A Jeasty Place** by Candia McWilliam
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Gush:** Penultimate episode of a six-part mini-series
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **Just a Normal Life:** Bosnian refugees reveal to Susan Marling how they have fought to re-establish a normal life in Wincanton, Somerset
8.00 **Science Now:** Peter Evans presents the weekly review of discoveries and developments in science (r)
8.30 **Hearing Heaven:** In the last programme in the series, Rosemary Hartill looks at the life and work of the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt (r)
9.00 **In Touch:** Peter White presents the magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig
10.45 **A Book at Bedtime:** Brazzaville Beach. Fiona Shaw reads the seventh of a ten-part adaptation of William Boyd's novel
11.00 **Mediumwave:** An exploration of the week's events in the media (r)
11.30-12.00 **The New Europeans** (FM only): Stephen Taylor tells David Lodge about the perils of living in Patras, Greece (r)
12.00-12.43am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

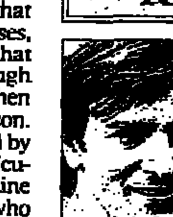
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Stopping just short of a slapstick Rumpole

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

The opening credits to BBC 1's **Milner** seemed interminable. As the jaunty theme jaunted relentlessly on and the shambolic figure of Mel Smith eased his way into the shambolic title role, the tension mounted. By the time Smith arrived at his office, I could bear the suspense no longer. Please, I shouted at the television set, will someone tell me whether this is going to be funny?

You simply can't tell with comedians these days. If they're not demanding we take them seriously as actors, they're flying around the world making unfunny documentaries at someone else's expense. Making people laugh seems distinctly low on their list of priorities.

Hence the anxiety about *Milner*, the latest star vehicle for Mel Smith, a comedian well known for nursing serious aspirations. Eagerly, I watched for clues. As the theme tune finally faded, our hero dropped his papers all over the front steps of the smart solicitors office where he works. No I thought, surely not slapstick.

A few minutes later, with Milner stuck up a ladder with his bottom firmly wedged between two rows of filing cabinets, I was having second thoughts. By the time he'd accidentally set fire to the grotesquely oversized cricket jumper knitted for him by his barking mad mother, I was seriously worried. A slapstick version of *Rumpole* — emmm, well it might work.

But gradually this pilot episode of what seems certain to become a series settled down. It was not so much the question of whether to be funny that the producers and writer Trevor Bowen were having trouble with, as how funny to be.

They were on far firmer ground with short and rapid exchanges such as: "How would you define the client relationship from our point of view?" asked Toby, the over-eager office junior. "The taste of boot polish," replied the world-weary Milner.

It is to Mel Smith's credit that despite some of the sillier excesses, it was still possible to believe that Milner could be a good enough solicitor first to act for and then rumble the villainous Ron Jesson. In this he was aided and abetted by a strong supporting cast, particularly on the female side — Elaine (Louise Beatty), the secretary who dotes on him, Sylvia (Deborah Findlay), the estranged wife who might still love him, and Felicity Drewett (Sarah Carpenter), his young and glamorous rival in the offices of Lewis Strange.

Among the chaps, the only doubt must be whether, after his success in *Four Weddings* and *Faith*, the producers will be able to tempt John Hannah back for the barely-noticed, walk-on role of windscreen washer.

The opening, holly-bordered credits to **Desmond's** (Channel 4) also seemed interminable and a similar thought must have been going through the minds of everyone who watched it. Coming less than a week after the sudden death of its star, Norman Beaton, was this going to be funny at all?

The omens were not good. Not only was this to be the last ever episode of *Desmond's*, it was a shamelessly sentimental Christmas Special to mark the beginning of Channel 4's Black Christmas celebrations. Tempting as it must have been to do otherwise, Channel 4 decided that Christmas specials must go on, following the programme with a half-hour tribute, *Beaton but Unbowed*.

The gentle humour of *Desmond's*, reminiscent of situation comedy shows of long ago, still shone through, but the resonances were painful. Shirley (played by the marvellous Carmen Munroe) was planning a traditional Guyanese Christmas for the family. It was to his native Guyana that Beaton returned for the last time last week. A sub-plot put a young boy in hospital with leukaemia.

In this final episode, Beaton took a characteristically laid-back role, happy to leave the stronger comic moments to the younger members of his cast. The much improved standing of young, black television comedy, as witnessed by programmes such as *The Real McCoy* and *Get Up, Stand Up*, owes a lot to *Desmond's* and a lot more to Norman Beaton.

As **Horizon: Designer Wines** (BBC 2) got underway the question on my lips was not so much would this be funny, as would this be science? In pursuit of the grail of greater popularity, *Horizon* occasionally seems to abandon real science these days. Still, this one started promisingly. "The chemical being produced at this plant," said a rather croaky sounding Tom Conti, "is a complex and relatively unstable mixture of over 550 compounds, including ethanol, acids, asters, sugars and a trace of 1,4-hydroxyphenyl-3-butanone." Yum, yum, make mine a magnum.

For the mixture being described, of course, is wine, some 200 million glasses of which will be drunk over Christmas. For a country with a population of more than 50 million, that struck me as distinctly poor going.

The programme introduced us to the white-coated scientists of the Australian Wine Research Institute and its American counterpart at Davis, California. Scientists such as Professor Ann Noble, who has identified no fewer than 121 wine aromas, including "wet dog" or 2-methyl butanol, to give its proper name. "Most people don't listen to their nose," Professor Noble complained.

Makers of indifferent French wine have much to worry about, the programme concluded, as the oenologists and viticulturalists of the New World overturn centuries of meaningless mystique and useless legislation. But anyone looking forward to a glass or two of Château-Lafite with their turkey can relax — as even the Australians eventually agreed: "The scientists will make good wines, an artist will make a great wine."

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (68865)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (29752285)

9.05 Kilroy (8695846)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9768778) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (46610575)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7491109) **12.05 Pebble Mill Special** on screen theme tunes composed by Simon May (s) (6002846) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (14253020)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (62020)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (35436662) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (35447778)

2.15 The Great Los Angeles Earthquake. The first of a two-part drama about the dilemma facing a seismologist who, with a revolutionary but unproven method of detecting earthquakes, works out that one will hit Los Angeles in the next few days. Starring Joanna Kerns (r). (Ceefax) (2270952)

3.35 Cartoon Double Bill (r) (2744488) **3.50 Pingu** (r) (4931117) **3.55 Moomin** (r) (5009933) **4.20 Spacevets** (s) (2496469) **4.35 Take Two**. (Ceefax) (s) (8065020)

5.00 Newsround (3681594) **5.10 Byker Grove**. (Ceefax) (s) (8165339)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (285558)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (575)

6.30 Regional news magazines (827)

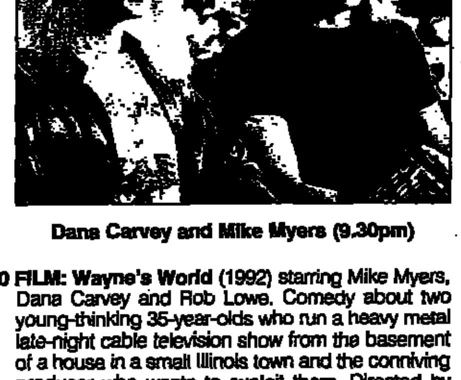
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando reports on a luxurious Kenyan safari; Sankha Guha takes a weekend break in Monte Carlo; and Sue Cook enjoys an Irish farmhouse holiday. (Ceefax) (s) (8391)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (339)

8.00 A Question of Sport. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Tina Gifford, Chris Waddle, Mark James and Steve Redgrave. (Ceefax) (s) (4339)

8.30 Only Fools and Horses (r). (Ceefax) (3846)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4310)



Dana Carvey and Mike Myers (9.30pm)

9.30 FILM: Wayne's World (1992) starring Mike Myers, Dana Carvey and Rob Lowe. Comedy about two young-thinking 35-year-olds who run a heavy metal late-night cable television show from the basement of a house in a small Illinois town and the conniving producer who wants to exploit them. Directed by Penelope Spheeris. (Ceefax) (215933)

11.05 Film 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *The Specialist*, *Timecop*, *Amateur* and *New Nightmare*. (Ceefax) (s) (777335). **Wales:** Dylan Thomas — Return Journey 12.00 Film 94 12.30am-2.05 Film: The Italian Job

11.35 FILM: The Italian Job. (1969) starring Michael Caine and Noel Coward. Comedy caper about the plan to create the biggest traffic jam in Turin's history in order to carry out a daring bullion robbery. Directed by Peter Collinson. (Ceefax) (696339)

1.10am Weather (3461624)

2.45-3.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Channel. Scrambled (89957)

BBC2

7.00 Tales of the Tooth Fairies (r) (4932933) **7.05 Funnybones** (r) (s) (4931204) **7.10 Toxic Crusaders** (r) (9997488) **7.30 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (57198)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (9364662)

8.15 Thunderbirds (r). (Ceefax) (5752681) **9.05 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday** in Majorca (8576339) **9.35 The Way of the Lakes** (r) (6509730) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (5042952)

10.25 FILM: Son of Lassie (1945) starring Peter Lawford. Adventures of the canny canine's offspring. Directed by S. Sylvan Simon (32043117)

12.05 The Secret Gardens (1632339)

12.15 See Hear! (r). (Ceefax and signing) (s) (6359556) **1.00 Fingermouse** (r) (44925488)

1.15 FILM: Trapeze (1956) starring Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis and Gina Lollobrigida. Big top drama directed by Carol Reed. (Ceefax) (99920469)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **International Showjumping** (s) (8729391) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (4796001)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (440)

4.30 From the Edge. (Ceefax) (s) (952)

5.00 Esther. Studio discussion series (s) (3469)

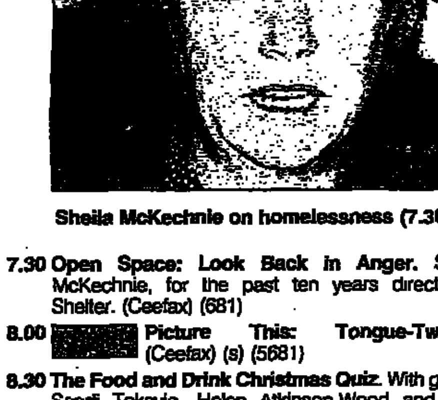
5.30 Catchword. Another test of wordpower (s) (204)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (527285)

6.25 Heartbreak High. (Ceefax) (s) (688391)

7.10 Harry Hill's Fruit Fancies (b/w). The story of a romance between a nun and a rabbi (r) (450469)

7.20 Animation Now (472681)



Sheila McKechnie on homelessness (7.30pm)

7.30 Open Space: Look Back in Anger. Sheila McKechnie, for the past ten years director of Shelter. (Ceefax) (681)

8.00 [CHOICE] Picture This: Tongue-Twister. (Ceefax) (s) (5681)

8.30 The Food and Drink Christmas Quiz. With guests Sandi Toksvig, Helen Atkinson-Wood and chef Brian Turner. (Ceefax) (s) (1488)

9.00 FILM: Promised a Miracle (1988) starring Rosanna Arquette and Judge Reinhold. A drama, based on fact, about a religious couple accused of the manslaughter of their diabetic son by refusing to administer his insulin. Directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal (3681)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (191223)

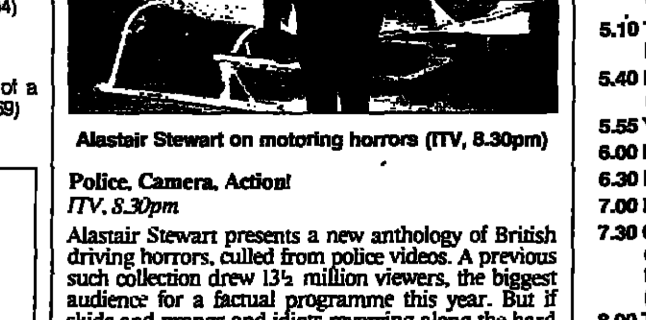
11.15 FILM: Last Embrace (1979) starring Roy Schneider. Drama about a government agent who has a nervous breakdown after his wife is murdered, believing that the same fate will befall him. Jonathan Demme directs (425643) **12.55 Weather** (5386353)

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CHOICE

Network First: Talking to the Enemy
ITV, 10.40pm

This documentary about Northern Ireland would have been impossible to show only a few months ago. Even now, a film built round interviews with men and women at the centre of the IRA bombing campaign is bound to be contentious. Critics will say that these people are being allowed to justify their activities without being called to account for them. The underlying question, of what makes citizens in a democracy turn to murder to impose their views, is never put. By way of balance we hear from Robin Ewart-Biggs, son of the diplomat killed by the IRA in 1976. In a thoughtful and eloquent contribution devoid of bitterness he says he cannot have respect for those who refuse to take responsibility for the consequences of their actions.



Alastair Stewart on motoring horrors (ITV, 8.30pm)

Police, Camera, Action!
ITV, 8.30pm

Alastair Stewart presents a new anthology of British driving horrors, culled from police videos. A previous such collection drew 13½ million viewers, the biggest audience for a factual programme this year. But if skids and prangs and idiots reversing along the hard shoulder are the stuff of peak-time entertainment, the programme does its best to frighten us with the safety implications. A timely warning about drink-driving comes with Stewart's admission that he has been one of the culprits. The other message is about the growing power of police technology. Most impressive are helicopters equipped with thermal imaging cameras which, sensitive to heat rather than light, can pick out cars and their drivers even in total darkness.

Sex in a Cold Climate
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A special edition of the business programme *High Interest* looks at the Ann Summers empire. Summers herself has long since left a bouyant enterprise that markets naughty underwear and other so-called sex aids. The visible part is the sex shop. But there is direct selling as well, in a soft porn equivalent of the Tupperware party. Housewives, mostly from the northern working-class, share a bottle or two of wine, giggle over the latest gear and proceed to buy in huge quantities. There are signs, however, that this side of the business has peaked and the company plans a huge expansion in the high street. But if it is to overcome the public hostility which has forced a retreat in Manchester, it may have to clean up its act.

Picture This: Tongue-Twister
BBC2, 8.00pm

The challenge for director Peter Simpson was to keep going for half an hour on the human tongue, not, at first glance, the most riveting subject. His approach is to think of half a dozen different aspects of the tongue and get more or less interesting people to illustrate them. There is a lad called Thomas Grimmett, whose tongue was so uncontrollable that he was unable to speak properly. There is a group of music students polishing up their enunciation. The tongue is shown to be essential to the tasting of new food products. And, yes, there is sex, in the form of French kissing. In less liberated times, we learn, this caused the tongue to be painted out of works of art. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (6879952)

9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man (r) (8181952) **9.50 James Bond Junior** (r) (1917488)

10.15 Bananas in Pyjamas (7080876) **10.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (3039329) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5185240)

10.30 FILM: Outback Bound (1988) starring Donna Mills and Andrew Clarke. The owner of a Beverly Hills art gallery finds romance and adventure in Australia when she claims an old opal mine left to her by her late father. Directed by John Llewellyn Moxey (15807469) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8739943)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8953865)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (8938556) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (53322372)

1.55 Good Advice. Comedy series (s) (80863001) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (92060681) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (5017653)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6421681) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6420952)

3.30 Gigglish Allsorts (s) (2749933) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (4794643) **3.50 The Raggy Dolls** (s) (2750049) **4.05 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (5846469) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures** (5515001) **4.40 Children's Ward** (Teletext) (s) (8158778)

5.10 True Blue. A football fanatic must choose between his family and his team (r). (Teletext) (2891484)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (828310)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (251730)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (643)

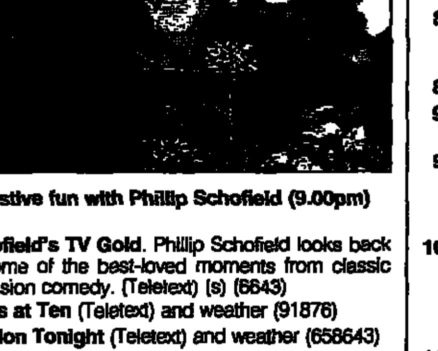
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (223)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (5989)

7.30 Capital Futures: Education. A report on the disciplinary and academic performances of a typical Inner London comprehensive school (s) (407)

8.00 The Bill: An Unconventional Approach. Ackland and Loxton are in the middle of violent competition between rival bailiffs (Teletext) (9407)

8.30 [CHOICE] Police, Camera, Action! (s) (8914)



Festive fun with Phillip Schofield (9.00pm)

9.00 Schofield's TV Gold. Phillip Schofield looks back at some of the best-loved moments from classic television comedy. (Teletext) (s) (6643)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (91876)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (658643)

10.40 [CHOICE] Network First: Talking to the Enemy (Teletext) (565759)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (767440)

12.40am Street Legal (6631112)

1.40 FILM: Obsessed (1989). Based on the true story of a woman's quest to avenge her son killed by a hit-and-run driver. Directed by Robin Spry (316247)

3.30 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (73247)

4.30 Beyond Reality (r)(19179)

5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (74518)

5.30 ITN Morning News (57792). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Terrytoons (7044285)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (52643)

9.00 Pugwall (r) (17933) **9.30 Spacecats** (r) (50136)

10.00 Prostars (r) (1783662) **10.20 For Better For Worse** (r) (5048136)

10.50 The Adventures of Super Mario Brothers (r) (9379020) **11.05 Tintin** (r) (9239049) **11.30 Kelly** (r) (88001)

12.00 If Wishes Were Horses (r) (s) (41399)

12.30pm Sesame Street with Michael Chang (77020)

1.30 The Boy Who Dreamed Christmas. A child's festive dreams come true (r) (s) (53223)

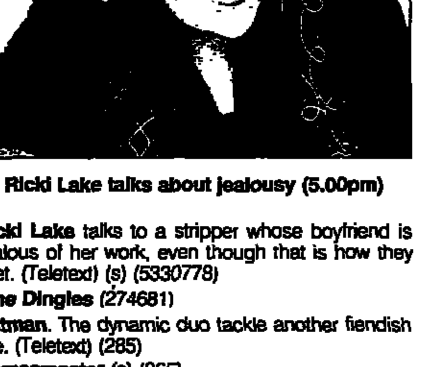
2.00 FILM: Conquest of Space (1955). Walter Brooke stars as the captain of a spacecraft on a perilous journey to Mars. Directed by Byron Haskin (72681)

3.30 The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss (r) (2041049)

3.55 Paradise Lost (4923198)

4.00 Crawshaw Paints Acrylics. Alwyn Crawshaw demonstrates how to turn a potentially difficult subject into something more manageable. (Teletext) (136)

4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (420)



Ricki Lake talks about jealousy (5.00pm)

5.00 Ricki Lake talks to a stripper whose boyfriend is jealous of her work, even though that is how they met. (Teletext) (s) (5330778)

5.50 The Dingles (274681)

6.00 Batman. The dynamic duo tackle another fiendish foe. (Teletext) (285)

6.30 Gamesmaster (s) (865)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (703469)

7.50 Black Christmas: Shooting Stars with jazz pianist Julian Joseph (s) (983407)

8.00 Wildshots: Wet, Wet, Wet. Chris Packham devises different ways to photograph water without getting wet (r). (Teletext) (s) (7049)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (6556)

9.00 [CHOICE] Sex in a Cold Climate. (Teletext) (387407)

9.45 Life's a Gas. Danny and Donald have turned their backs on the world and intend to smoke, drink and eat themselves into extinction (r). (Teletext) (s) (410662)

10.00 I'll Fly Away. The last in the drama series set in the Deep South of America starring Sam Waterston. Lilly Harper, now a successful novelist, recalls the violent events that forced her family to leave Bryland. (Teletext) (s) (559914)

11.55 Black Christmas: Shooting Stars with Carol Kenyon (s) (491730)

12.00 Black Christmas: The Ballad of Nicky Mouse. A British writer is locked in a prison cell with just a mouse for company (54605)

12.30am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of the match between Napoli and Brescia

1.30 Extreme East (r) (16570)

2.00 FILM: Convoy (1940, b/w). Classic Second World War drama charting the progress of a convoy of British merchant ships as they cross the North Sea. Directed by Pen Tennyson (194518). Ends at **3.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.50am C.O.P.S (1917488) 10.15-10.20 Cartoon Time (7080876) 10.30 Mac and Me (15807469) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (8739943) 1.55 A Country Practice (35431117) 2.20 Wish You Were Here...? (92052662) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (5017653) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News (6420952) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2891484) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (953117) 7.30-8.00 Millionaires (407) 12.40am Trapped in Silence (368334) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (7777773) 3.20 The Chart Show (1228112) 4.15-5.30 Stunts Unlimited (9547711)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.50 C.O.P.S (1917488) 10.15-10.20 Cartoon Time (7080876) 10.25-10.30 Central News (5185240) 1.55 A Country Practice (35431117) 2.20 Laugh with the Carry Ons (92052662) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (5017653) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2891484) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (953117) 7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special (407) 11.40 Trials of Rosie O'Neill (832321) 12.35am The Beat (6632841) 1.35-1.40 Night Shift (3715841) 3.30 Jobfinder (889570) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (9586112)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.50 C.O.P.S (1917488) 10.15-10.20 Cartoon Time (7080876) 10.30 Outback Bound (15807469) 12.55 Shortland Street (8938556) 1.25 Home and Away (27106020) 1.50 Crossroads - 30 Years On (80864730) 2.20 Wish You Were Here...? (92052662) 2.50-3.20 Emmerdale (5017653) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (2891484) 6.25 Granada Tonight (953117) 7.00 Emmerdale (5989) 7.30-8.00 Yesterday's Heroes (407) 12.40am Trapped in Silence (368334) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (7777773) 3.20 The Chart Show (1228112) 4.10 Night Shift (58587518) 4.15-5.30 Stunts Unlimited (2547711)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.50 C.O.P.S (1917488) 10.15-10.20 Cartoon Time (7080876) 10.30-12.20 Mac and Me (15807469) 1.55 Wish You Were Here...? (80863001) 2.25-3.20 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (3606759) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (2891484) 5.55 Home and Away (274440) 6.25-7.00 HTV News (953117) 7.30-8.00 Special Report (407) 12.40am Trapped in Silence (368334) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (7777773) 3.20 The Chart Show (1228112) 4.10 Night Shift (58587518) 4.15-5.30 Stunts Unlimited (9547711)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (953117) 7.30-8.00 Petersen (407) 10.30-10.40 HTV News (658643)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.50am C.O.P.S (1917488) 10.15-10.20 Cartoon Time (7080876) 10.25 Meridian News and Weather (5185240) 10.30 Mac and Me (15807469) 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (8739943) 1.55 A Country Practice (35431117) 2.20 Laugh with the Carry Ons (92052662) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (5017653) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (6420952) 5.10 Home and Away (2891484) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Making It Happen (271594) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (643) 6.30-7.00 What's My Line? (223) 7.30-8.00 Great House Cookery (407) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News and Weather (658643) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (74518)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.50 C.O.P.S (1917488) 10.15-10.20 Cartoon Time (7080876) 10.25-10.30 Westcountry News (5185240) 12.20pm Westcountry News (2434551) 12.25-12.30 My Story for Christmas (3884092) 1.55 Cotton on Canvas (80863001) 2.25-2.55 The Young Doctors (92051933) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News; Weather (6420952) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2891484) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (31001) 7.30-8.00 Stirling Stuff (407) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (658643) 12.40am Trapped in Silence (368334) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (7777773) 3.20 The Chart Show (1228112) 4.10 Night Shift (58587518) 4.15-5.30 Stunts Unlimited (9547711)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (52643) 9.00 Pugwall (17933) 9.30 Space Cats (50136) 10.00 Pro-stars (1783662) 10.20 For Better For Worse (5048136) 10.50 Super Mario Brothers (9379020) 11.05 Tin Tin (9239049) 11.30 Kelly (5285) 12.00pm It Wishes Were Horses (41399) 12.30 Slot Meithrin: Mister Morgan (54952) 1.00 Hullaballoo (55730) 1.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper (53223) 2.00 The Late Late Show (34759) 3.00 Fat Man in Argentina (9020) 3.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (1663372) 4.20 Terrytoons (5858204) 4.30 Up On The House (420) 5.00 5 Pump (1865) 5.30 Fifteen To One (372) 6.00 Newyddion (641339) 6.20 Heno (938440) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (1001) 7.30 Gwyn A'I Fyd Amsterdam (679) 8.00 Panbeiydd Hapus (7049) 8.30 Newyddion (6556) 9.00 Llais A Llun (7020) 9.30 Beat That Einstein (41488) 10.00 Brookside (91858) 10.30 Dim Tabod (45198) 11.30 I'll Fly Away (775285)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (31902488) 8.45 Cartoons (5681285) 9.30 Card Sharks (85846) 10.00 Concentration (1646310) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (7156391) 10.30 Candid Camera (48827) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (60402) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (62407) 12.30pm E Street (89662) 1.00 Falcon Crest (84117) 2.00 The Pirate (85407) 3.00 The Dukes of Hazzard (3979136) 3.50 The DJ Kat Show (5254204) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (9662) 6.00 Games-world (5575) 6.30 Blockbusters (6827) 7.00 E Street (7961) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5339) 8.00 Scarlett: Third part of the mini-series. With Joanne Whalley-Kilmer and Timothy Dalton (23020) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (19827) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (979223) 11.45 Chances (885049) 12.45am Barney Miller (27131) 1.15-1.45 Night Court (24044)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (7872827) 9.30 Fashion TV (98198) 10.30 ABC Nightline (46469) 11.00 News (790865) 1.30pm CBS News (76488) 2.30 Those Were the Days (96371) 3.30 David Frost (7933) 4.00 News (54321) 5.00 Live at Five (7204) 6.30 Talkback (39074) 8.00 News (86285) 9.30 Target (45575) 11.30 CBS News (67845) 12.30am ABC News (7201976) 1.10 Richard Littlejohn (7715266) 2.30 Those Were the Days (67773) 3.30 David Frost (79518) 4.30 CBS News (56518) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (88686)

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Showcase: Film previews (68974730) 10.00 Prehysterical (1992) (90778) 12.00 Six Weeks (1982) (82310) 2.00pm Nurses on the Line (1993) (421020) 3.50 Annie (1981) (66850204) 6.00 Prehysterical (1992): As 10am (18372) 7.30 Close-Up (1597) 8.00 Death Becomes Her (1992) (25488) 10.00 Doppelganger (1992) (475488) 11.45 A Midnight Clear (1992) (694846) 1.35am Scorchers (1990) (3554599) 3.00-4.50 Men of Respect (1991) (7968042)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Beachhead (1954) (57448) 7.30 Ice Station Zebra (1968) (75171117) 9.55-12.00 The Karate Kid (1984) (11669952)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Holiday on the Buses (1973) (19285) 8.00 Little Heroes (1991) (6870223) 9.25 Frank Enstein. Animated children's tale (7484049) 10.20 Carry On Columbus (1992) (30803827) 12.00 Ride with the Wind (1993) (80952) 2.00pm The World in His Arms (1952) (709310) 3.40 Little Heroes (1991): As 8am (4754049) 5.05 Frank Enstein: As 9.25am (1184681) 6.00 Breathing Lessons (1993) (11285) 8.00 Carry On Columbus (1992). As 10.20am (89551) 9.30 Interceptor (1992) (868049) 11.05 Thunderheart (1992) (357778) 1.05am Fires Within (1991) (3430334) 2.35 Pyrates (1991) (539792) 4.10-6.00 Breathing Lessons (1993): As 6pm (427889)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4183407) 7.15 WWF Mania (444681) 8.15 Soccer News (7080117) 8.30 World of Speed (51488) 9.00 Snowboard Tour (35440) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (94681) 10.00 Pool (81117) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (55204) 12.30pm Monday Night Football. Southampton v Aston Villa (84074) 2.30 Muscle Night (50117) 3.30 NBA Action (1391) 4.00 Surfing (46407) 5.00 WWF Superstars (1662) 6.00 Soccer News (323556) 6.15 Sports Classics (351339) 6.30 Grass Roots Rugby (8827) 7.00 Boots 'n' All Christmas Special (70952) 8.00 Ringside Boxing: Francis Ampofo v Darren Fifield (87488) 10.00 Soccer News (857339) 10.15 The Footballer's Football Show (699339) 11.15 Grass Roots Rugby (822310) 11.45-1.45am Boxing: Ampofo v Fifield (861914)

EUROSPORT

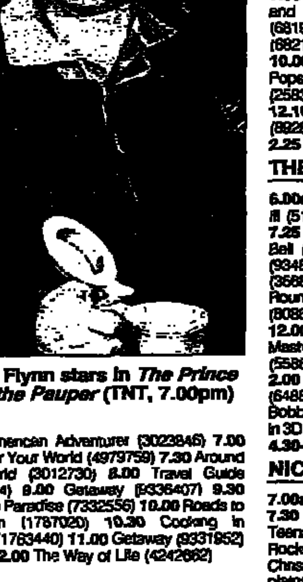
7.30am Step Aerobics (22440) 8.00 Eurogolf Magazine (87575) 9.00 Skiing (51051) 1.00pm Eurogoals (61488) 2.30 Latin Football (1914) 3.00 Speedworld (15407) 4.30 Alpine Skiing (50515) 5.30 Eurogoals (86020) 6.30 Eurosport News (6223) 7.00 Eurotennis (65020) 8.00 Euroski (41440) 9.00 Boxing (61204) 10.00 Football (51339) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (27599)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1783204) 8.30 Peyton Place (1782575) 9.00 As the World Turns (8957594) 10.00 Guiding Light (8039556) 11.00-12.00 Another World (8042020)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Discover Your World (1786391) 12.30pm Kids Down Under (7345020) 1.00 Golf in Paradise (8053136) 1.30 Cooking in France (7344391) 2.00 American Adventurer (4968643) 2.30 Thailand (3031865) 3.00 Discover Your World (4987778) 3.30 The Way of Life (3036310) 4.00 Golf in Paradise (3022117) 4.30 Kids Down Under (3011001) 5.00 Thailand (4982223) 5.30 Cooking in France (3035681) 6.00 Getaway (3032594) 6.30 American Adventurer (3023846) 7.00 Discover Your World (4979759) 7.30 Around the World (3012730) 8.00 Travel Guide (7386204) 9.00 Getaway (9336407) 9.30 Ticket to Paradise (7332556) 10.00 Roads to Freedom (1787020) 10.30 Cooking in France (1763440) 11.00 Getaway (9331952) 11.30-12.00 The Way of Life (4242662)



Errol Flynn stars in *The Prince and the Pauper* (TNT, 7.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Craftwise (3659469) 9.30 Cooking (4542049) 10.00 Parents Talking (8476846) 10.30 Only Human (7846285) 11.30 Psychology (8148643) 12.00 Extra Dimensions (2193933) 12.45pm Draw with Don (85707730) 1.00 Cooking (1199598) 1.30 Craftwise (4545136) 2.00 Transplant Families (6820575) 2.30 The Buzz (4262136) 3.00 Flowering Passions (6832310) 3.30-4.00 Furniture to Go (4267681)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (7118353) 7.30 Neighbours (4168038) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (3651204) 8.30 EastEnders (3660575) 9.00 The Bill (3651827) 9.30 Who Pays the Ferryman? (6130391) 10.30 Big Deal (46832136) 11.35 The Sullivans (11254407) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (3664391) 12.30pm Neighbours (4548223) 1.00 EastEnders (9568894) 1.30 The Bill (4547594) 2.00 Potter (6822933) 2.30 Reginald Perrin (4264594) 3.00 Knots Landing (6151117) 4.00 Dynasty (6163952) 5.00 Every Second Counts (8535049) 5.35 Top of the Pops (8840846) 6.55 Terry and June (8238440) 6.30 EastEnders (4258575) -7.00 Reginald Perrin (6833049) 7.30 George and Mildred (4252759) 8.00 Potter (6819469) 8.30 Just Good Friends (6821204) 9.00 The Sweeney (5088310) 10.00 The Bill (3665020) 10.30 Top of the Pops (5772533) 11.10 Naked Video (2583730) 11.40 Dr Who (4051440) 12.10am Triangle (4544696) 12.40 Campion (89285624) 1.45 Scotch 'n' Wry (1859995) 2.25 Shopping at Night (1232711)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Droibee Time (88881) 7.00 Ratkan III (5107778) 7.15 Head to Head (3191391) 7.25 Garfield (7266285) 7.55 Saved by the Bell (8811440) 8.30 Super Mario Brothers (93488) 9.00 Zoo (77440) 9.30 Cult Cartoons (36881) 10.00 Dreamstone (19575) 10.30 Round the Twist (42092) 11.00 Eek the Cat (80865) 11.30 Beakman's World (81594) 12.00 Stunt Dawgs (97204) 12.30pm Bots Master (14469) 1.00 Pugwall's Summer (55865) 1.30 Degrassi Junior High (42040) 2.00 Ghostbusters (8117) 2.30 SuperDave (6488) 3.00 Tic Tac Toons (8850407) 3.15 Bobby's World (205448) 3.45 Head to Head in 3D (7068812) 4.00 The Bots Master (6040) 4.30-5.00 Saved by the Bell (9852)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nick's Christmas Cracker (56407) 7.30 Denver the Last Dinosaur (35914) 8.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (50759) 8.30 Rocko's Modern Life (42730) 9.00 Nick's Christmas Pick (66310) 9.30 Clarissa Explains It All (92223) 10.00 Grimmy (26778) 10.30 Carmen Sandiego (62594) 11.00 Killer Tomatoes (20469) 11.30 Ren and Stimpy (21198) 12.00 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (53846) 12.30pm Galaxy High School (74169) 1.00 Doug (55778) 1.30 Alvin (95310) 2.00 Denver the Last Dinosaur (6117) 2.30 The New Adventures of Speed Racer (4488) 3.00 Carmen Sandiego (8962) 3.30 Hey Dude! (9933) 4.00 Nick's Christmas Pick (8440) 4.30 Doug (7952) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (9204) 6.00 Grimmy (5117) 6.30-7.00 Dracula (3068)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (4253488) 4.30 Valhalla (4242372) 5.00 The Dinosaurs! (6523662) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (4521556) 7.00 Pacifica (6824391) 7.30 Terra X (4243001) 8.00 Connections 2 (6840339) 8.30 The New Explorers (6829846) 9.00 Wings of the Red Star (5086952) 10.00-12.00 Space Shuttle Discovery (6141730)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: To Have and to Hold (1963) (5572440) 1.30pm The Partridge Family (4532662) 2.00 thirtysomething (8464001) 3.00 My Three Sons (6836136) 3.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (4261407) 4.00 FILM: Contraband Spain (1955) (5595391) 5.30 Drama Classics (4260778) 6.00 Death Valley Days (4250391) 6.30 Police Woman (4065556) 7.30 Honey West (4247827) 8.00 thirtysomething (5060914) 9.00 The Twilight Zone (6154204) 9.30 FILM: Frogs (1972) (9496778) 11.30-12.00 Hogan's Heroes (8469556)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2908594) 7.00 Living (8504204) 8.00 Health UK (2441643) 8.30 Truth About Women (2440914) 9.00 Foodwise (7901914) 9.35 Definition (6702778) 10.00 Trivia Trap (9446681) 10.30 Susan Powter (2460778) 11.00 Young and Restless (8512488) 12.00 Fashion Show (1053310) 12.35pm Kilroy (9356865) 1.30 Family Matters (7444265) 2.00 Agony Hour (9447310) 3.00 Living (7824662) 3.45 Gladrags and Glamour (17588310) 4.00 Infatuation UK (5834391) 4.30 Definition (18868488) 4.55 Delia Smith (4901310) 5.30 Kate and Allie (5821827) 6.00 Maternal World (5811440) 6.30 New Mr and Mrs Show (5835020) 7.00 Living (9280204) 8.00 Young and Restless (9299952) 9.00 FILM: Child's Cry (1986) (90623310) 10.50 Short Shorts (1424952) 11.00 Susan Powter (1630136) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (9442865)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Tintin (9469) 5.30 Boogies Diner (8264) 6.00 African Skies (7117) 6.30 Keyhole (8469) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (2933) 7.30 Wonder Years (5561) 8.00 Darling Buds of May (14310) 9.00 Moonlighting (73486) 10.00 Catchphrase (98933) 10.30 Tintin (92551) 11.00 Lou Grant (32914) 12.00 Rhoda (81711) 12.30pm Big Brother Jake (52711) 1.00 GP (91353) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (21082) 2.00 Moonlighting (96995) 3.00 Lou Grant (14082) 4.00 Rhoda (48353) 4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (89518)

MTV

5.00am Awake (22180) 6.30 The Grind (20881) 7.00 Awake (35136) 8.00 VJ Ingo (18846) 10.00 The Pulse (38643) 11.00 Soul (53407) 12.00 Greatest Hits (28662) 1.00pm The Afternoon Mix (896440) 3.30 Coca-Cola Report (6713925) 3.45 Cinematic (5268830) 4.00 News (6933049) 4.15 3 from 1 (6916372) 4.30 Dial MTV (1310) 5.00 Music Non-Stop (12285) 6.MTV Sports (5317) 7.00 Greatest Hits (73420) 8.00 Unlecided (73759) 9.30 Beavis (29391) 10.00 Coca-Cola Report (626556) 10.15 Cinematic (654339) 10.30 News (472285) 10.45 3 from 1 (480440) 11.00 The End? (51223) 1.00am Soul (37696) 2.00 The Grind (26131) 2.30 Night Videos (961452)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (8052407) 9.00 Café (8434914) 12.00 The Bridge (3494198) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (9844845) 2.30 Heart and Soul (9592914) 3.30 Into the Music (1443943) 6.00 Prime Cuts (7339469) 7.00 For You (7379914) 8.00 Rock (7368662) 9.00 Ten of the Best (7375198) 10.00 The Bridge (8920440) 11.30 Top Five (4244020) 12.00 The Nightfly (9378773) 2.00am Prime Cuts (4667150) 3.00 Rock (7012599) 4.00 Ten of the Best (9342082) 5.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music for 6am to 7pm including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00pm Big Ticket

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (82407) 7.00 Asian Morning (18020) 8.30 Bunyaad (80914) 9.00 Tamil FILM Nanum Oru Thozilali (567759) 12.00 Ghar (13730) 1.00pm Serial Nagar Pana, Roop Nagar (42391) 1.30 Yuganter (33594) 2.00 Hindi FILM (481865) 5.00 TVA and You (9223) 5.30-6.00 Bunyaad (7730) 7.00 Doop Chaon (9943) 7.30 Indie Show (8681) 8.00 News Bulletin (9681) 8.30 Des Pardes With Asif (5488) 9.00 Bollywood Plus (33933) 9.30 Pakistani FILM (462310) 12.00 Asian Morning (811976) 1.35am Sight and Sound (31470044)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Amazing Adventures
7.00pm The Prince and the Pauper (1937) (58550488) 9.10 The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1939) (39201198)
Theme: Die Laughing
10.50 The Maltese Bippy (1969) (49070865) 12.30am What a Carve Up (1962) (73684711) 2.05-5.00 After the Thin Man (1936) (33372792)

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Costly miss by out-of-touch Rhodes as young Queenslanders flog jaded attack

England injury position eases

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN TOOWOOMBA

THE focus of England's concerns shifted significantly here yesterday. The casualty ward that has been their dressing-room is slowly clearing and they should have sufficient fit bowlers to select from for the second Test match, which starts in Melbourne this weekend. If the quantity is no longer a problem, however, the quality is.

Fielding four of their likely five-man Test attack, England failed to take a wicket in three hours of trying. The pitch was as unhelpful as the batting, but there was no injustice involved, and only one missed chance.

The lack of penetration was alarming, though no more so than the latest confirmation of Australia's conveyor belt of batting talent.

The tormentors this time were Jimmy Maher and Andrew Symonds, aged 20 and 19 respectively and, almost inevitably, products of the Australian Academy. Both made centuries, and the first of Symonds' fledgling career was, at 118 balls, twice as fast as the second of Maher's.

Queensland might have overhauled England's 507 and taken a substantial lead if Ian Healy had not thrown the game open by declaring 115 runs behind. England extended this by 188 before the close, but only 13 wickets have fallen in three days at an average cost of 84 runs and Michael Atherton faced a delicate judgment today with the third declaration.

The comforting news came from two States. In Sydney, a second medical opinion ruled that Joey Benjamin does not, after all, have shingles. He is also clear of chickenpox and can rejoin the party in Melbourne tomorrow. Neither he nor Craig White, however, will be considered for the second Test.

Here in country Queensland, Dave Roberts, the team physiotherapist, pronounced himself encouraged by the recovery rates of Phil DeFreitas and Darren Gough. There is now official optimism that both will be available for selection, in which event England will actually have a choice to make in the seam bowling department.

It will not be easy. DeFreitas and Gough are automatic inclusions under normal circumstances, but can a chance be taken on two recent injuries? Equally, has Angus Fraser done enough to merit playing ahead of an original selection? And can Devon Malcolm be trusted to control his haphazard radar system?

Malcolm will be the first to receive a selectorial tick, not because the question against him can confidently be answered but because he is the one England bowler of whom the Australians are wary. This applies as much because of his unpredictability as in spite of it, and he has certainly offered the enthusiastic crowds of Toowoomba both sides of his bowling personality.

On Sunday, he was fast and straight, a serious proposition for the best of batsmen. Yesterday, he was not so fast and seldom straight, especially when the new ball brought Queensland 46 runs in five overs shortly after lunch.

Fraser, whose margin for error has narrowed with decreased pace, dropped consistently short, which invited the pull and cut, and was so angry with himself that he bellowed an oath on being no-balled. Should he repeat that reaction under Test match scrutiny, he will undoubtedly have his pocket picked by the referee.

The willing workers of the primitive, metal-plate scoreboard were having great difficulty keeping up with the run-flow, hereabouts. Maher, a left-hander from Cairns, had struggled for his touch on the second evening, but the exuberance of Symonds inspired him and they traded shots in such a fashion that the bowling looked even worse than it was.

Symonds was born in Birmingham, where he was adopted when a few weeks old. His new parents emigrated to Australia 18 months later and he has lived here ever since. He is to play for Gloucestershire next summer, having signed a one-year contract as an English-qualified player, but he said last night that he has no intention of seeking to play Test cricket for any country other than Australia.

The double-century partnership was stale beer to Symonds, who once shared in a stand of 446 in a mere 36 overs during an under-19 game. The frolics yesterday, however, should not have progressed beyond infancy, for Maher was only 29 when he charged at Phil Tufnell and Steven Rhodes fumbled a straightforward stumping.

Rhodes's wicketkeeping has lost its spark in recent weeks, as missed opportunities have mounted against him, and he was counselled at length during the lunch interval by Keith Fletcher, the team manager. Nobody can accuse Fletcher of idly accepting his team's troubles and his animated tea-time talk was addressed to Atherton himself.

The captain, hobbling on an injured leg and plainly at odds with his batting for the first time on tour, laboured for 163 minutes in making 49 before hitting a full-toss from Symonds to mid-on. Gooch, by then, had gone cheaply, his footwork at fault, and Graeme Hick had batted quite brilliantly but all too briefly. Increasingly, his form is on a different plane to that of his team-mates and he must now take responsibility and capitalise on it.

The injury to Merv Hughes has prompted Australia to select an unchanged squad for the second Test, that begins on Saturday in Melbourne. Hughes broke down with a groin strain playing for Victoria in Perth.

AUSTRALIA SQUAD: M A Taylor (captain), M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, M G Bevan, S R Waugh, I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott, T B A May, G D McGrath, D W Fleming

TOOWOOMBA SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 507 for 6 dec (M W Gatting 203 not out, J P Crawley 91, A J Stewart 53 not out, G A Gooch 50)

Second Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Tazelaar	7
*M A Atherton c Rowell b Symonds	49
G A Hick c Law b McDermott	46
J P Crawley not out	45
†S J Rhodes not out	26
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 6)	15
Total (3 wkts)	188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-93, 3-153

BOWLING: McDermott 12-5-33-1, Tazelaar 12-2-37-1, Rowell 6-2-20-0, Kasprowicz 9-1-57-0, Symonds 4-0-32-1

QUEENSLAND: First Innings

T J Barsby c Rhodes b Malcolm	15
M L Hayden c Rhodes b Malcolm	8
M L Love st Rhodes b Udal	47
S G Law c Fraser b Udal	91
J P Maher not out	100
A Symonds not out	108
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 12)	23
Total (4 wkts dec)	392

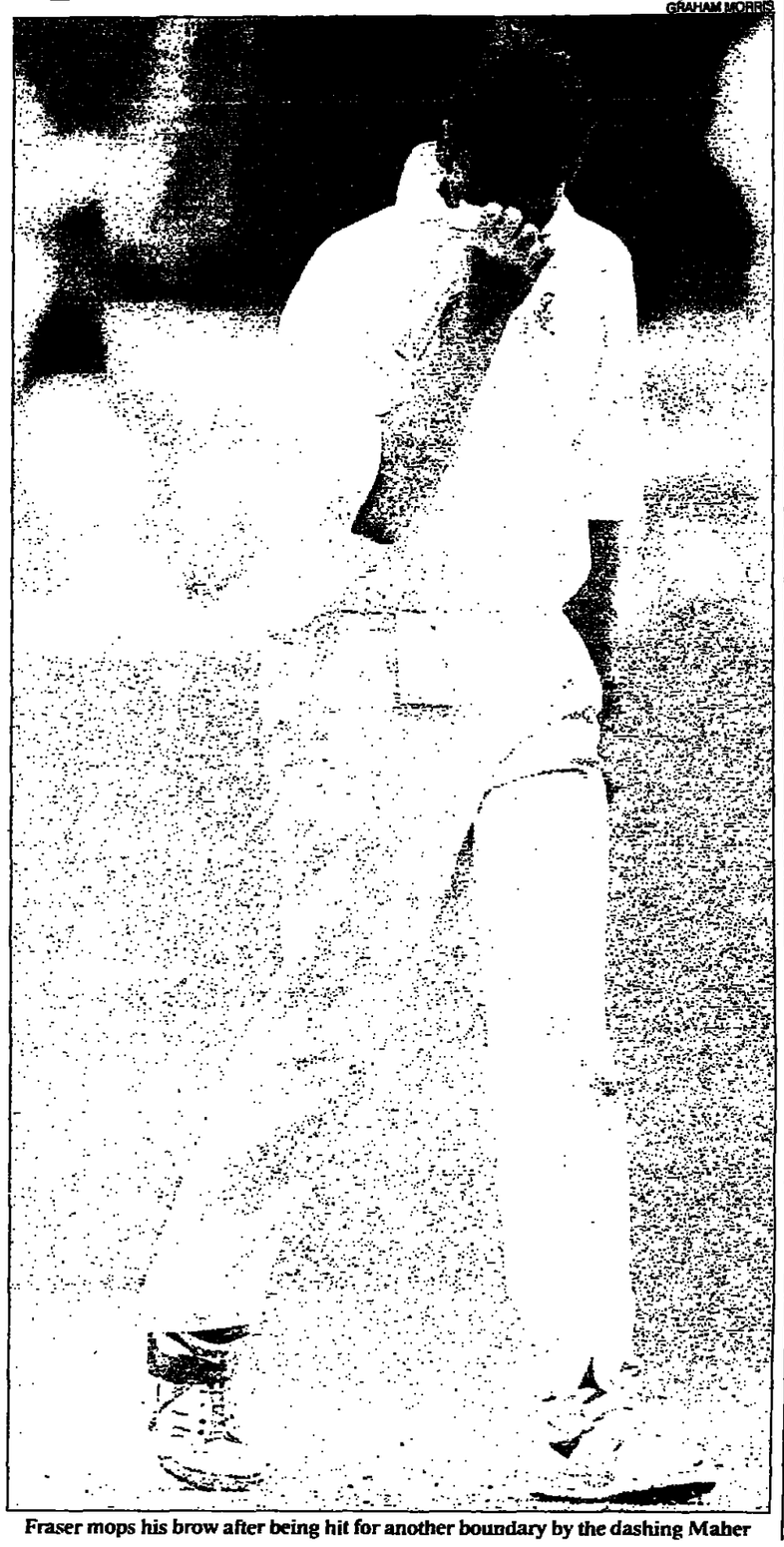
*†I A Healy, C J McDermott, G J Rowell, M S Kasprowicz and D Tazelaar did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-66, 3-116, 4-187.

BOWLING: Malcolm 20-1-97-2; Fraser 17-4-65-0, Tufnell 23-1-89-0, Udal 28-2-109-2; Hick 6-0-23-0

Umpires: P Parker and D Holt

GRAHAM MORRIS



Fraser mops his brow after being hit for another boundary by the dashing Maher

Benn sets sights on tough American challenger

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL BENN could have greatness thrust upon him in the new year. Gerald McClellan, of the United States, the man he may face, would not be just the toughest opponent of Benn's career, but one who has been studiously avoided by all middleweights with plans to make a career in boxing.

If Benn meets McClellan, who has lost only two of his 33 contests and stopped 29 of his opponents, the Englishman would have to be recognised as one of the great middleweights of the world, a status yet to be accorded to the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-middleweight champion.

At a press conference in London yesterday, Frank Warren, Benn's promoter, said his boxer would make the defence, his seventh in 26 months, at the London Arena, Docklands, on February 25. McClellan will not, however, be confirmed as the opponent until the new year.

Frédéric Seillier, of France, is the mandatory challenger at the moment, but McClellan, the WBC middleweight champion, intends to move up to super-middle. If he does, the WBC will make McClellan No 1 and a mandatory opponent for Benn.

Should McClellan not move up in time, Benn will meet Seillier. The Frenchman, who is the European champion, recently drew with Graciano Rocchigiani, of Germany, but from all accounts was a clear winner. McClellan, however, is unlikely to lose the chance of winning a title in the second most lucrative division in boxing. If he misses this opportunity, he could have to wait a year.

Benn said he would prefer to meet McClellan, but Peter DeFreitas, his personal manager, would rather take the safer option of Seillier. "I would love to fight Gerald McClellan," Benn said, "because the people I can get up for are the people who give me the fear. Everyone is scared of him, but it doesn't make any difference to me. I wouldn't box him. I'd fight him, rough him up, have a war with him — you've got to."

Arsenal's board gives new support to Graham

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE Arsenal board yesterday reaffirmed unanimous backing for George Graham, their manager, who is alleged to have received a £285,000 "kickback" in the £1.5 million transfer to Highbury of John Jensen, the Denmark international.

In a second statement, the directors said that the Inland Revenue had found no evidence of impropriety or taxation irregularity by any board member in the transfers of three Scandinavian players: Jensen, Anders Limpar and Pal Lydersen.

The club said it has been assured by the Premier League, which is conducting an inquiry into the allegations, that "no conclusions have been reached" and "no club and no individual charged".

Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, said its commission is determined to "complete a thorough and rigorous inquiry". It would "get to the bottom of the overseas transfer issue and ensure no stone is unturned".

Arsenal and Graham insist they are "disturbed" by the comments of Steve Coppell, a member of the commission, who was widely quoted as saying that he believes Graham is guilty. Graham has denied making any money out of the deal, which took Jensen to Highbury.

Arsenal added that Graham and the club would be discussing "with their advisers the effect of these reports on the inquiry process". Graham was yesterday reported as saying: "I do not see how Steve Coppell can continue to serve on the commission if he has said these things."

The Special Compliance Office of the Inland Revenue has already obtained access to files and accounting records at Arsenal and in a statement, which was approved by the Inland Revenue, the club said that it had been informed that "no evidence has been seen to indicate any impropriety or taxation irregularity on the part of any members of the board of directors relating specifically to the transfers of Anders Limpar, Pal Lydersen and John Jensen."

☐ Manchester City have taken Maurizio Gaudino, the Germany player, on loan from Eintracht Frankfurt.

Controversy conceals painful truth for Scotland

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

IF FOOTBALL were run on judicial lines, Scotland might move for a mistrial after the 1-0 defeat by Greece in their European championship qualifying match in Athens on Sunday. The grounds for appeal would lie with the referee's rulings at the Olympic Stadium. One penalty, that led to the game's goal, was dubiously awarded, while another, when John Spencer, the Scotland substitute, seemed to be barged over in the final seconds, was denied.

The Scots flew home feeling cheated of the draw that would have bolstered their chances of qualifying for the finals in 1996. In time, however, they will draw their attention back from the moments of controversy and take in the entire course of the evening. In that context, defeat was the correct verdict.

Greece were the better side. Only hasty finishing and agile goalkeeping by Andy Goram prevented them from extending their lead. The openings for Scotland, by contrast, were never so obvious. One can recall no more than a rumpus in the six-yard box, when John Collins might have barged the ball home, and a smooth turn and shot, which ran just wide, by John McGinlay. Craig Brown's team made frantic efforts in the closing stages, but invention was fitful.

Greece are now five points ahead of Scotland in group eight, having won all four of their fixtures. It might be argued that the lead is illusory. They could be in the position of a relay runner who seems far in front but begins to be overhauled as the stagger unwinds. After all, Greece have all their most demanding matches, away from home, still to play.

Costas Polychroniou's side can afford to stumble, however, unless Scotland suddenly become far more sure-footed. Brown was bedevilled by misfortune on Sunday. Every department of his team was impaired in some fashion, and Goram picked up a calf injury that forced his substitution. He may miss Rangers' match with Hibernian on Boxing Day.

Craig Levein, the sweeper, who is under suspension at club level and last played in earnest on November 16, could not be risked. Colin Hendry, the centre half, was present, but may still be recovering from a knee operation last month. In midfield, Paul McStay was absent with a throat infection picked up on the eve of the game. So far as the attack is concerned, Brown lacked valuable players, including the Aberdeen pair of Eoin Jess and Scott Booth.

Even so, defeat in Athens gave the worrying impression that good health will not by itself restore Scotland to good order. Greece possessed the more fluent midfield. Georgious Toursounidis, barely recovered from the broken leg and subsequent operations that kept him out of the World Cup, continually veered in from the right to dart through gaps. Scotland, faced with opponents who could afford to sit deep and counter-attack after taking a lead after 18 minutes, never located that sort of space.

Brown's decision to field Duncan Ferguson instead of Spencer was ill-considered. Assessments of the Everton striker always tend to run to extremes. Ferguson risked becoming a laughing stock in a troubled year with Rangers. Now, a ten-match run for Everton, producing a modest total of two goals, is deemed to have raised his value to £4.25 million.

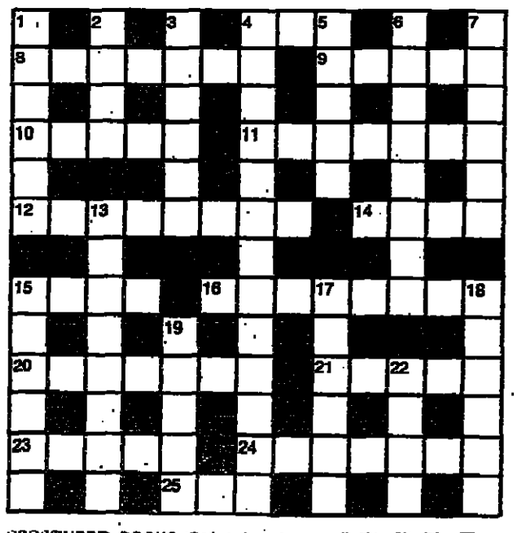
Ferguson is simply a player with a degree of talent and a great deal still to prove. The same could be said of the entire Scotland squad.

Beckenbauer's folly, page 32

Christian Dior



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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD
No 349

ACROSS
4 Curtsy: haircut (3)
8 Free (town from siegel (7)
9 Dog lead (5)
10 Two-legged creature (5)
11 Wounding (remark) (7)
12 Shower with curses (8)
14 Load-bearing pillar: seaside feature (4)
15 Space: chamber (4)
16 Fire-retardant, its dust dangerous (8)
20 Remark (7)
21 Leafy recess: (poet.) boudoir (5)
23 Contribute: briefly enter (port) (3,2)
24 Stimulation (7)
25 Salmon river, longest in Scotland (3)

DOWN
1 Suitable for cultivation (6)
2 Move (wings) up and down: panic (4)
3 Drinking bout (6)
4 Disregarding those circumstances (2,4,2,2,3)
5 Let (a secret) slip (out) (5)
6 Small quantity of beer (4-4)
7 Anger: one of the four humours (6)
13 An outrage (8)
15 Directions for dish (6)
17 All together, wholesale (2,4)
18 Leisurely walk (6)
19 Deceptive mock attack (5)
22 Make clean (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 348

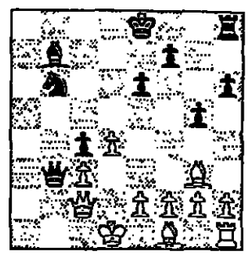
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Freymann - Alekhine, St Petersburg, 1914. How can Black profit from the impending queen exchange?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LUSH
a. A habitual drunkard
b. A passionate lover
c. An infectious disease

JAZZETRY
a. A sterile discussion
b. A style of dancing
c. A poetry and jazz recital

POODLE-FAKER
a. A curly-haired rabbit
b. A ladies' man
c. An effeminate male

PELONG
a. A fishing boat
b. An Indian material
c. A sun shade

Answers on page 32

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